

Area Agencies on Aging

In Action

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Four months ago, 81-year-old Carrie was in a nursing facility. The PASSPORT program and the “Home First” initiative have allowed Carrie to return home, with the help of her daughter, Nancy. Carrie was in the nursing facility when she received an assessment by the Area Agency on Aging in December. The assessment found that Carrie was eligible for PASSPORT. With support from the Area Agency on Aging, she returned to her home in March.

Carrie had a “seamless” transition back into the community. PASSPORT was there immediately to provide supportive services. Carrie receives home delivered meals and she has an emergency response system to use in a medical emergency. Since returning home, Carrie has begun attending adult day care three days a week. A personal care aide spends an hour helping her get ready on the days that she goes to adult day care. On three other days of the week, Carrie has an aide to help her with personal care and homemaking tasks.

Also, Carrie has excellent support from her daughter, Nancy. As well as bill paying, monitoring her mother’s medications, and grocery shopping, Nancy prepares her mother’s evening meal and helps her get ready for bed each night. She also cares for her mother on weekends and takes her to medical appointments. Nancy voices her gratitude for the support Carrie has received through the PASSPORT program.

The cost of the care plan for Carrie is \$17,501 annually. In comparison, the cost of a skilled nursing facility is \$57,600 a year. This is an annual savings of \$40,099.

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