

Area Agencies on Aging

In Action

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We hear the axioms “aging in place” and “long-term care options”, but Ada Chambers puts a face to those words.



In 1998, when Ada was 85 years old, she moved from Columbus to Gallipolis to be near her family. She was able to live independently in her own home with PASSPORT services. The Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc., gradually increased those services while helping Ada to downsize her living space. Ada was successfully “aging in place” with the assistance of her AAA7 case manager.

After 8 years of living independently with PASSPORT services, Ada knew she was becoming more frail and needed additional supervision and care. She moved in with her daughter in July, 2006. This was Ada’s second “long-term care option.” PASSPORT services supported Ada as she continued to age in a different, yet familiar, place.

With the new Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program, Ada had another option available to her. She wanted to be less dependent on family, yet to be in a less restrictive living environment than a nursing home. Ada selected another long-term care option five months later—to live in an assisted living facility.

Ada is now 93 years old and the Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc., is still helping her to make her own decisions while ensuring her health and safety. Ada gives glowing praise to AAA7. But, it is Ada’s glowing face that is the image of successful aging.

The cost to Medicaid for Ada’s care while on PASSPORT was \$19,924 per year, while the cost at the Assisted Living facility is \$21,170 annually. In comparison, the Medicaid cost for Ada’s care at a skilled nursing facility would be \$42,072 yearly. This is an annual savings of \$22,148.

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