

Promoting independence for individuals at home with long-term care needs.

Most older Ohioans prefer to live independently in their own homes, in their communities, surrounded by family and friends, for as long as they can. But, many need some help doing so. Before Medicaid waiver programs, older adults who needed any degree of long-term care typically entered nursing homes. Ohio's PASSPORT Medicaid waiver program helps Medicaid-eligible older Ohioans get the long-term services and supports they need to stay in their homes.

>> THE PROGRAM OFFERS

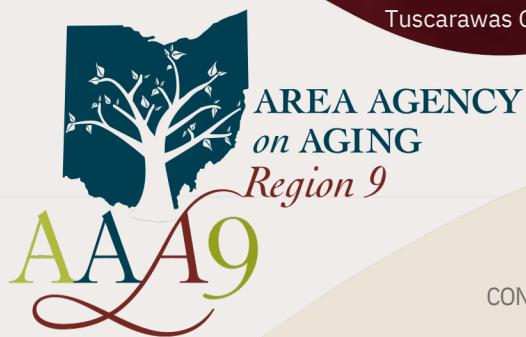
A cost-effective, in-home alternative to nursing home care for Ohio residents age 60 and older, promoting independence for individuals at home with long-term care needs.



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PASSPORT MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

a cost-effective, in-home alternative to nursing home care for Ohio residents





About *the* Program

PASSPORT uses federal and state funds, through a Medicaid waiver, to pay for in-home alternatives to nursing home care for low-income, Medicaid eligible seniors. PASSPORT is a two-pronged program. The first part is a pre-admission screening during which interested consumers are screened by telephone to determine preliminary Medicaid eligibility and care needs. They are also provided information about the variety of long-term care options available.

The second part of PASSPORT is home care. Once a consumer is determined eligible a case manager works with him or her to develop a package of in-home services to be provided by local service providers. The case manager then monitors the care for quality and changes the care plan as necessary.

> SOME SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Personal Care • Emergency response • Homemaker services systems
- Home delivered meals • Nutrition Counseling
- Minor home modification • Adult Day Services and repairs • Transportation
- Medical equipment

How Do I GET HELP?

PASSPORT referrals are accepted from anyone: hospitals, family members, friends, physicians, social service agencies, clergy, or anyone else that may be genuinely concerned about the well being of an older adult. If you would like to refer someone please call a certified Information & Referral Specialist now at 1-800-945-4250.

- A PASSPORT assessor will visit the home to conduct a long-term care consultation, evaluate the individual's in-home needs and determine if the individual meets the program's eligibility requirements.
- If enrolled each consumer is assigned a PASSPORT case manager who will assist in organizing and monitoring their individualized plan of care. The plan of care is adjusted as needs change.
- Individuals who do not meet the PASSPORT program's requirements will be offered information on other programs and services that may assist them.

"Without PASSPORT, I would not be able to live independently in my home and I would be helpless. Because of PASSPORT I have a home, health, and hope."

– PASSPORT CLIENT

To Be Eligible AN INDIVIDUAL:

- Service plan must be approved and signed by the individual's physician
- Must be age 60 + at the time of enrollment
- Must meet Medicaid financial eligibility
- Must require Skilled or Intermediate Level of Care
- Must agree to the service/ care plan
- Service need cannot be met by other available community resources
- Health related needs can be safely met in the home setting

