

# Home and Community-Based Care | Program Overview and Eligibility Guidelines

Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. | 1-800-582-7277 | TTY: 711 | info@aaa7.org | www.aaa7.org



The Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. (AAA7), supports independence, choice and dignity through a number of home and community-based services in the ten counties we serve in Ohio. (Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton).

The table below helps identify programs and services that enable older adults to live in their homes and communities.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the services provided through the AAA7, call us! We can offer an in-home consultation at no cost to determine what programs are available to best serve their needs.

Program Name	Who's it For? What it Does	Basic Services and Benefits	Eligibility Requirements
<b>Resource Center</b>	Assistance and options counseling for those who wish to learn more about the services and programs provided through the AAA7 and the regional 10-county service network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information, Referral and Assistance</li> <li>Options Counseling</li> <li>Eligibility Determination</li> <li>Long-Term Care Consultation</li> <li>In-Home Assessments</li> <li>Transition Support</li> <li>Assistance with Medicare Part D</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No age or income requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>PASSPORT</b>	Ohio's alternative to nursing home care. Helps disabled older adults remain safe and independent at home. Prevents unnecessary nursing home placements. <b>Consumer-Directed option</b> gives consumers the option to serve as an employer by hiring eligible individuals of their choice to provide their personal care services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Care Management</li> <li>Personal Emergency Response System</li> <li>Homemaking</li> <li>Home Modification</li> <li>Meals/Nutrition</li> <li>Medical Equipment</li> <li>Personal Care</li> <li>Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 60 or Older</li> <li>Individual Needs Assistance with Personal Activities (Such as Bathing, Dressing, Preparing Meals, etc.)</li> <li>Medicaid-Waiver Eligible (<i>PASSPORT has higher income and asset eligibility requirements compared to traditional Medicaid - call for more information</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Assisted Living Waiver</b>	Provides care for Medicaid-eligible adults in approved assisted living facilities. An alternative for those needing more care, but not needing nursing home placement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private Room/Bath</li> <li>24-Hour On-Site Response</li> <li>Meals, Personal Care, and Homemaking</li> <li>Care Management and Social Activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21 or Older</li> <li>Medicaid-Waiver Eligible</li> <li>Requires Same Level of Assistance as PASSPORT</li> </ul>
<b>Older Americans Act Services</b>	Federal program mandated by the Older Americans Act of 1965 for those age 60 and over to receive home and community-based services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home-Delivered Meals</li> <li>Congregate Meals</li> <li>Personal Care</li> <li>Homemaking</li> <li>Adult Day Services</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Legal Assistance</li> </ul> <p><i>(Services Vary By County)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 60 or Older</li> </ul>
<b>Medicare Information/ Assistance</b>	Help with Medicare questions and counseling for Medicare beneficiaries and family members assisting their loved ones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Enrollment Help and Assistance</li> <li>Medicare Counseling</li> <li>Prescription Drug Assistance Program (for those eligible)</li> <li>Medicare Savings Plan (for those eligible)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicare Beneficiaries</li> </ul>
<b>Home Repair</b>	Funded by the Ohio Development Services Agency Housing Trust Fund and the State of Ohio Senior Community Services Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Repair and Handicapped Accessibility (Call for More Details)</li> <li>Priority given to requests involving accessibility, heating, electric, potable water access, and plumbing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 60 or Older</li> <li>Live In and Own Their Own Home (or Have a Life Estate)</li> <li>Meets Income Eligibility</li> </ul>

Program Name	Who's it For? What it Does	Basic Services and Benefits	Eligibility Requirements
<b>Ohio Home Care Waiver</b>	Meets the needs of people who prefer to receive long-term care services and supports in their home or community, rather than in an institutional setting. CareSource has contracted with the Ohio Department of Medicaid in the role of a Case Management Agency, working with the AAA7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Management</li> <li>• In-Home Services Similar to PASSPORT</li> </ul> <p><i>For more information, go to CareSource's website at <a href="http://www.caresource.com">www.caresource.com</a></i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolled in Medicaid</li> <li>• 59 years or Under</li> <li>• Assessed with an Intermediate or Skilled Level of Care</li> </ul>
<b>Specialized Recovery Services (SRS)</b>	Home and community-based services to support individuals diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness or with a diagnosed chronic condition. The Ohio Department of Medicaid has contracted with CareSource to manage the Specialized Recovery Services program in the state of Ohio, working with the AAA7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovery Management</li> <li>• Access to Medicaid Eligibility</li> </ul> <p><i>For more information, go to CareSource's website at <a href="http://www.caresource.com">www.caresource.com</a></i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 Years or Older</li> <li>• Assessment to Determine Eligibility</li> <li>• Verification of a Qualifying Diagnosis</li> </ul>
<b>Ombudsman</b>	Advocates for long-term care consumers, including residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, as well as clients receiving in-home or community-based care services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint Investigation Regarding Client Rights Violations, Poor Care and Services, Etc.</li> <li>• Advocacy Services</li> <li>• General Information and Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Who Lives in a Long-Term Care Facility in the AAA7's 10-County Service Area.</li> <li>• Consumer of In-Home or Community-Based Care and Living in the AAA7's 10-County Service Area.</li> <li>• No Age or Income Requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Ohio's HOME Choice Program</b>	Transitions eligible Ohioans from institutional settings to home and community-based settings, where they receive services and supports at home and in their communities.	Individuals and their family/guardian will work with the long-term care facility and transition staff to apply, discuss options, and coordinate services and supports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolled in Medicaid and 18 years of age or older.</li> <li>• Have resided in a long-term care facility for at least 60 consecutive days.</li> <li>• Have income to sustain community living.</li> <li>• Participate in needs assessment for the program.</li> <li>• Have care needs that can be adequately met in a community setting.</li> </ul>
<b>Hospital 2 Home</b>	Voucher program for those eligible who are being discharged from hospital to home. Vouchers allow for the purchase of short-term services such as personal care and home-delivered meals to assist individuals returning to their homes after a brief hospital stay. The program will also offer short-term telephonic assistance to help with redeeming the vouchers if necessary and assist in the exploration of ongoing long-term services and supports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Care Vouchers</li> <li>• Home-Delivered Meals Vouchers</li> <li>• Short-Term Telephonic Care Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 60 or older and a recent hospital stay.</li> <li>• Must Reside in the AAA7's 10-County Service Area.</li> <li>• Do not currently have a Medicaid card or currently enrolled in a Medicaid waiver program such as PASSPORT.</li> <li>• To receive personal care services, must need assistance with at least two ADLs (Activities of Daily Living) such as bathing, dressing, toilet use, transferring, eating, walking.</li> <li>• To receive the home-delivered meal service, must be dependent with the IADL (Instrumental Activity of Daily Living) of meal preparation and not have someone available to prepare the meal.</li> <li>• Must be living in a home-based setting, not a facility.</li> </ul>
<b>Caregiver Support/Kinship Support</b>	<p>Provides information and assistance to family caregivers to better understand how their caregiving role is impacting their lives.</p> <p>Assists caregivers in finding resources and services to help decrease the physical and emotional stress in their caregiving role in order to take better care of themselves and their loved ones.</p> <p>Services also assist grandparents caring for grandchildren.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assessment</b> to Determine What Services and Resources Will Assist the Caregiver.</li> <li>• <b>Information, Assistance and Training</b> to Help Educate Caregivers About Caring for Themselves and Their Loved Ones.</li> <li>• Purchasing <b>Supplemental Supplies</b> to Complement the Family Caregiving.</li> <li>• <b>Respite</b> Assistance to Provide the Caregiver with Temporary Relief from Their Day-to-Day Caregiving Responsibilities.</li> <li>• <b>Answers/Counseling</b> to Provide Support to Family Caregivers in Solving Everyday Issues Related to Caregiving.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Family Caregiver May Receive the Following Services at No Cost: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Assessment</i></li> <li>- <i>Information</i></li> <li>- <i>Assistance</i></li> <li>- <i>Training</i></li> <li>- <i>Answers/Counseling</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Eligibility for respite and supplemental services are determined at the time of the assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Health and Wellness Programs</b>	Adults and caregivers can share experiences and learn day-to-day strategies to improve personal health, manage a chronic illness, save money on health care costs, and improve relationships with healthcare providers.	<p>Programs available include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic Disease Self-Management</li> <li>• Diabetes Self-Management Program</li> <li>• Chronic Pain Self-Management</li> <li>• A Matter of Balance</li> <li>• Powerful Tools for Caregivers (for Family Caregivers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes are free of charge to those age 60 and over.</li> </ul>