



# PASSPORT

Providing an Alternative to Nursing Home Care

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## WHAT IS PASSPORT?

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PASSPORT is a statewide Medicaid waiver designed to provide an alternative to nursing home care. Funding is provided by the Ohio Department of Aging and the federal government through a Medicaid waiver.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

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Upon referral, a Licensed Social Worker or Registered Nurse will visit the applicant to determine service needs on an individual basis and provide information about PASSPORT, community-based services, or nursing home placement. There is no charge for the assessment. Individuals who are eligible for PASSPORT may receive a range of community-based and in-home services. Provider staffing availability may cause delays in service initiation.

## AVAILABLE SERVICES INCLUDE:

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- ♦ Adult Day Service
- ♦ Personal Care Aide and Homemaker
- ♦ Emergency Response Systems
- ♦ Medical Equipment and Supplies
- ♦ Counseling/Social Work
- ♦ Case Management
- ♦ Home-Delivered Meals
- ♦ Transportation
- ♦ Minor Home Modification/Maintenance Services
- ♦ Community Transition Services

PASSPORT Waiver recipients may also be eligible to receive Medicaid state plan services such as nursing, occupational, speech or physical therapies.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

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- be at least 60 years of age
- be financially eligible under special Medicaid waiver guidelines
- live in a private residence
- require nursing home level of care
- be able to remain in a safe and cost effective home environment
- agree to the home care plan
- have a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner approve the plan

## HOW TO APPLY

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The application process begins with a telephone call to the PASSPORT office at (614) 645-7250 or (800) 589-7277 toll free in Ohio. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Referrals and questions are accepted from hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, physicians, community agencies, family, friends or individuals requesting help for themselves.

***\*Enrollment is subject to available funding***