

Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program

What is the Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program?

- This Medicaid waiver program provides services in certified assisted living facilities. Those facilities provide more intensive care than is typically available through home care services, but they also give older adults an alternative to nursing facility care that is less expensive and less restrictive.
- Assisted living promotes aging in place by supporting consumer desire for independence, choice and privacy. The services help preserve the independence of the individual, as well as maintain ties to family and friends.

Who is eligible for the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

Eligible participants must:

- Be age 21 or older;
- Need hands-on assistance with activities of daily living, for example, bathing, mobility, etc.
- Meet the financial criteria for Medicaid eligibility (see below); and
- Be able to pay the state established monthly room and board payment (rent).

What are the financial eligibility criteria for the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

- County Departments of Job and Family Services determine financial eligibility of interested participants.
- Individuals may not have countable assets valued at more than \$2,000.
- Monthly income must not exceed 300 percent of the Supplemental Security Income benefit.
- Depending on income, participants may be required to pay monthly towards the cost of services.

Who Provides Assisted Living Services?

Providers must be:

- Licensed as a residential care facility by the Ohio Department of Health; and
- Certified by the Ohio Department of Aging as an Assisted Living Provider.

What services are provided by the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

Two types of services are provided by the program:

- **Assisted Living Services** include: 24 hour on-site response, personal care, supportive services (housekeeping, laundry, and maintenance), nursing, and transportation, 3 meals per day and social/recreational programming.
- **Community Transition Services** are available to individuals leaving a nursing facility to enroll in the Assisted Living waiver and helps them obtain essential household furnishings and other items.

How do I apply for the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

- Call toll-free **1-866-243-5678** to contact the Area Agency on Aging serving your community for details on how to apply.
- Interested individuals must complete an application, telephone screen and in-person assessment.
- Then, your county Department of Job and Family Services will determine financial eligibility.
- After meeting all eligibility criteria, you will be enrolled.

Where can I learn more about the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

- Visit the following Ohio Department of Aging Web page for more information about the Assisted Living Waiver. **[Aging.Ohio.gov/HomeCommunityCare](https://aging.ohio.gov/HomeCommunityCare)**

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