

The Application Process:

Interested applicants should phone the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging at this toll-free number (800) 368-1066 to arrange for a home visit by a CSP care manager. A care manager will assess both the Caregiver and Care Receiver and consider consumers' appropriateness for any Agency on Aging programs.

Program Services:

Supply reimbursement

Respite

Home modification

Assistive devices

Grandparent/Older relative caregiver

If choosing the CSP is the family's best option, the care manager will help the family arrange those benefits unique to the CSP, enabling them to receive maximum financial benefits, control and flexibility. A monthly cost cap will be determined at time of the assessment.



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Caregiver Support Program

Caring for an elderly relative or grandchild in the home can be stressful and is often costly. The Caregiver Support Program (CSP) provides resources and assistance to individuals who assume primary responsibility for the provision of care, in order to help alleviate the stress associated with caregiving and support the caregiving relationship.

Grandparent/Older Relative Caregiver of Children: Must be 55 and older and a PA resident. Assumes primary care for a child(ren) under 18 living in the same home; related by blood, marriage, or adoption/legal custody

CSP Reimbursements

- **Respite Services:** Reimbursement for the provision of brief periods of regular, intermittent, or emergency relief from normal caregiving duties.
- **Supplies:** In most cases, applicants qualify for a reimbursement rate of 100% toward monthly expenses for the purchase of necessary pre-approved supplies and/or services (income guidelines apply).
- **Supportive Services:** Reimbursement for services directly related to care: including personal care skills training, counseling for the Caregiver by a licensed professional, legal and financial counseling, and medical transport.
- **Supplemental Services:** Reimbursement for services including personal care and personal emergency response systems (P E R S) , **NOTE: Hired workers may NOT be family members or have a legal relationship with the care receiver or caregiver.**
- **Home Modifications and Assistive Devices:** Reimbursement for modifications made to improve safety and improve accessibility. (limited to \$5,000; income guidelines apply).

The Appropriate Consumer

The Caregiver Support Program is designed to provide assistance to an unpaid caregiver who provides regular care for a person 60 years or older with functional deficits, an individual of any age with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorder, grandchild under the age of 18 or an adult age 18-59 with a non-dementia disability. The caregiver and care receiver do not have to reside in the same home, but the care receiver must reside in Armstrong County. (Grandparent and child must reside together). Financial eligibility is determined by the **total household** income of the care recipient. Once a referral is made, a care manager will visit the home and complete an assessment.

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