

CENTRE COUNTY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Caregiver Support Program (CSP) is a program designed to lessen the burden on caregivers. Funding is provided through State and Federal Government.

Caregiver Definition

The Primary Caregiver is the one identified adult family member or other responsible person who has primary responsibility for the provision of care, including coordination of care and services, needed to maintain the physical and/or mental health of the Care Receiver. The Caregiver may not receive reimbursement for personally providing caregiving services to the Care Receiver and shall be actively involved/engaged with various aspects of care on a regular, but not necessarily daily, basis.

The following services are available through CSP:

- **Information:** Providing information to Caregivers about available resources
- **Assistance:** Linking Caregivers to available services (i.e., support groups)
- **Caregiver Training:** Assisting Caregivers in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiving roles.
- **Respite Care:** Providing Caregivers with a temporary break from their caregiving responsibilities
- **Supplemental Services:** Providing, on a limited basis, items or services designed to help complement the care provided by Caregivers.

Reimbursement Services/Supplies

Care receiver needs assistance with one activity of daily living (ADL) including bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, and transferring, eating, bowel and bladder management, or medication management. Care Manager will complete Caregiver Assessment Tool and determine the Caregiver cap for services. No Caregiver can be reimbursed monthly for more than \$600.00 per month. {See Service/Supply List for ideas for services and supplies that are reimbursable}

Assistive Devices/Home Modifications

Caregiver is eligible for up to \$5,000.00 reimbursement for an assistive device /home modification. This amount is for the lifetime that caregiver participates in the program. Once amount is used there is no other money available for durable goods/home modifications. CSP is the payer of last resort. If there is other resources like insurance to pay for durable goods or home modifications, those resources must be used first.

Percent Reimbursed

Reimbursement amounts are determined by a sliding scale based on household income. {See Percentage Guide} Caregiver is reimbursed a percentage of what they submit up to their \$600.00 cap. See examples below:

These examples are based on a care receiver needing help with two ADL's. If a caregiver is 50% eligible for the program reimbursement and submits \$300.00 worth of receipts, they would get reimbursed for \$150.00. If a caregiver sends in \$500.00 worth of receipts, they would get reimbursed for \$250.00. If a caregiver submits \$750.00 worth of receipts, they would get reimbursed for \$300.00 as the limit for consideration is \$600.00 then reimbursement percentage is applied.

Interested Caregivers

Caregivers interested in an assessment should contact the Centre County Office of Aging to request an intake. Caregiver should have available copies of all household income in preparation for visit including social security statements if applicable.