



# PASSPORT

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## Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging

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## WHAT IS PASSPORT?

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.

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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

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 service options 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.

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## AVAILABLE SERVICES INCLUDE:

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

PASSPORT Waiver recipients may also be eligible to receive *Medicaid State Plan* services such as Nursing, Occupational, Speech or Physical Therapies. Other service options requiring special eligibility criteria include: Assisted Living Service, Structured Family Caregiving and Participant Direction.

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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 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 person centered service plan
- have a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner approve the plan

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## HOW TO APPLY

The application process begins with a telephone call to the PASSPORT office at (614) 645-7250 in the Columbus Area 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***