

## PASSPORT Medicaid Waiver Program

### Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options & Resources Today

#### **What is the PASSPORT Medicaid Waiver Program?**

- This Medicaid waiver program provides services in home and community settings to delay or prevent nursing facility placement.
- Services help preserve the independence of the individual, as well as maintain ties to family and friends.

#### **Who is eligible for PASSPORT?**

Eligible participants must:

- Be age 60 or older;
- Need hands-on assistance with dressing, bathing, toileting, grooming, eating or mobility;
- Receive services for which the cost does not exceed 60 percent of the cost of nursing home care;
- Meet financial criteria for Medicaid eligibility (see below); and
- Have their physicians agree to a service plan.

#### **What are the financial eligibility criteria for PASSPORT?**

- County Departments of Job and Family Services determine financial eligibility of interested participants.
- Individuals may not have countable assets valued at more than \$1,500.
- Monthly income must not exceed 300 percent of the Social Security Insurance benefit.
- Depending on income, participants may be required to pay a *patient liability* each month toward the cost of services.

#### **What services are provided through PASSPORT?**

- Services available include: personal care, home delivered meals, adult day care, homemaker, emergency response, medical equipment and supplies, chore, social work counseling, nutritional counseling, independent living assistance and medical transportation.

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- Participants also receive a Medicaid card that entitles them to Medicaid benefits including: physician care, hospitalization, prescription drugs and many other services.
- Case managers help participants develop a care plan and will monitor and adjust the plan according to the needs of the participant.

### **How do I apply for PASSPORT?**

- 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 (pending slot availability).

### **Where can I learn more about PASSPORT?**

- Visit the following Ohio Department of Aging Web page for more information about the PASSPORT Medicaid Waiver Program.  
**[www.aging.ohio.gov/services/passport/](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/services/passport/)**

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