

FACT SHEET

Assisted Living Waiver

What is Assisted Living?

Assisted living offers more supervision and services than what may be available in a traditional home setting and allows consumers to have more independence and fewer restrictions than a nursing facility. The Assisted Living Services Waiver (ALW) is a program administered by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) that covers daily living services provided in an assisted living facility. This program began on July 1, 2006 and is able to enroll 1,800 qualifying Medicaid consumers.

Who is eligible for the Assisted Living Waiver?

Medicaid consumers age 21 and older who currently receive Medicaid services through either the PASSPORT, Choices, Ohio Home Care Waiver programs are eligible for the waiver. Additionally, individuals who live in a nursing home or are residents of a residential care facility are now eligible. Residents of a residential care facility must be living at the facility for at least six months prior. Individuals participating in this waiver program may have a monthly income up to \$1,911 (300 percent of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) federal benefit rate).

How to Apply

Interested Medicaid consumers can apply by contacting their local [Area Agency on Aging](#) (1-800-266-4346 / TTY: 614-466-6191) or county department of job and family services and complete a waiver request form ([JFS 02399](#)). A PASSPORT case manager will conduct a needs assessment to decide if level of care eligibility requirements are met. Once an individual qualifies for the ALW, he or she will select an ODA-certified facility, and will be able to receive personal on-site care, 24-hour a day response capability, meals, transportation, social and recreational activities, and nursing.

Monthly Budget Example	
\$1,911	Monthly Income
- \$587	Room & Board
- \$50	Personal Needs Allowance
= \$1,274	Patient Liability

What are the costs associated with the Assisted Living Services Waiver?

Recipients of the ALW keep a portion of their monthly income to pay for their room and board and personal needs. Any income remaining is the patient liability and is paid directly to the facility to help cover the cost of care. Prescription co-pays are the responsibility of the participant.

Additionally, a one-time transition service of no more than \$1,500 is available to help residents of nursing homes purchase necessary items when moving into an assisted living facility. The consumer and case manager will determine what items are needed and will use the community transition service reflected on their care plan to obtain those items. Examples of these include: dishes, special furniture, and utility service deposits (e.g., for telephone service).