

# Program Profile



## Changing the Face of Aging

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## 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.
- Participants also receive a Medicaid card that entitles them to Medicaid benefits including: physician care, hospitalization, prescription drugs and many other services.

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- 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.goldenbuckeye.com/families/passport.html](http://www.goldenbuckeye.com/families/passport.html)