

Waiver for Older Adults

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Additional information about the Waiver for Older Adults is available at: www.mdoa.state.md.us/services.html and click on Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver. Or, go to www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/waiverprograms. Click on "Older Adults Waiver."

Apply for the Waiver for Older Adults through your local Area Agency on Aging. You can find the address and phone number of your local agency by calling 1-800-AGE-DIAL or by visiting www.mdoa.state.md.us/ and click on "Aging Network."

For more information on topics discussed in this fact sheet, contact

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The **Waiver for Older Adults** provides community-based support services to older adults in order to avoid nursing home placement. Sometimes it is called the "Aging" Waiver or "Assisted Living" Waiver. Eligibility is jointly determined by the Maryland Department on Aging and Medicaid. Services can be provided in a person's own home or in certain licensed facilities like assisted living facilities.

Benefits: Benefits may include Medicaid healthcare coverage (including prescription medication), assisted living, personal care, respite care, case management, home modifications, assistive technology, family and individual training, personal emergency response systems, home-delivered meals, behavior consultation, Senior Center Plus, nutritionist services, or other services, depending on each individual's needs and Approved Plan of Care.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Individuals must be at least 50 years old,
- have a monthly income of less than 3 times the current Supplemental Security Income (SSI) amount (a total of \$2,022/month in 2009),
- have countable assets of no more than \$2000 or \$2500, depending on the eligibility category, and
- meet a nursing home level of care, as defined by Medicaid, but be able to live safely in the community.

The cost of the pre-approved plan of services must generally be equal to or less than the average cost of nursing home care for a Medicaid recipient.

This waiver has a limited enrollment and had reached its limit in 2004. Except for people who currently reside in nursing homes and are funded by Medicaid, all other people who are interested in services must place their names on a waiting list registry for services to be considered for future coverage. The toll free registry number is 1-866-417-3480.