

# COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PROGRAM – ATLANTA REGION

## What is the Community Care Services Program?

The Community Care Services Program (CCSP) helps Medicaid-eligible people who are elderly and/or functionally impaired to continue living in their homes and communities. CCSP offers community-based care as an alternative to nursing home placement. The Division of Aging Services, a division of the Department of Human Resources, administers CCSP.

## What services are available through this program?

### Adult Day Health

- Daytime care and supervision in an adult day center
- Nursing and medical social services
- Planned therapeutic activities
- Physical, speech and occupational therapy
- Meals, including prescribed diets

### Alternative Living Services

- Alternative residence for persons unable to remain independent in their own homes
- Meals, personal care and supervision in an approved personal care home

### Emergency Response Services

- In-home electronic support system providing two-way communication between isolated persons and a medical control center
- Service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

### Home-Delivered Services

- Skilled nursing services
- Physical, speech and occupational therapy
- Medical social services and home health aide assistance

### Out-of-Home Respite Care

- Out-of-home overnight respite care in an approved facility with 24-hour supervision
- Out-of-home respite care in an approved facility

### Personal Support Services

- Assistance with meal preparation, hygiene and nutrition
- Light housekeeping, shopping and other support services
- In-home respite care provided by an aide

### Consumer-Directed Personal Support Services Option

Same as personal support services except:

- Consumer hires and supervises worker of choice
- Clients enrolled in the option are required to choose a Financial Management Services provider that will issue paychecks and adhere to federal and state tax laws on behalf of the client

### Home-Delivered Meals

- Prepared outside the home and delivered to the client

## Who is eligible for Community Care Services?

The eligibility criteria for CCSP include the following:

- Functional impairment caused by physical limitations which includes Alzheimer's and dementia.
- Unmet need for care
- Approval of care plan by applicant's physician
- Services fall within the average annual cost of Medicaid reimbursed care provided in a nursing facility
- Approval of an intermediate level of care certification for nursing home placement
- Medicaid-eligible or potentially eligible after admission to CCSP
- Individual chooses community-based, rather than institutional services
- Health and safety needs can be met by CCSP
- Participation in no other Medicaid Waiver program at the same time
- Medicare home health services or hospice does not meet their needs

- Home delivered meals is not the only service needed
- The home environment is free of illegal behavior and threats of bodily harm to other persons.

An individual is not required to be homebound to receive CCSP services.

## How does an individual obtain Community Care Services?

**Step 1:** The individual contacts the local Area Agency on Aging to complete a telephone screening.

**Step 2:** If the individual is eligible for CCSP, they are either placed on the waiting list or referred immediately to Care Coordination for a home assessment.

**Step 3:** The care coordinator and RN complete a home assessment and determine together with the individual, caregiver and physician which services are needed. Services are provided by Medicaid-approved agencies actively enrolled in the CCSP. If the individual is not already a Medicaid recipient, an application is completed and submitted to the Department of Family and Children Services through the care coordinator.

**Step 4:** The care coordinator maintains regular contact with the individual and caregivers to assure that services are appropriate and their needs are met.

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# WHERE TO CALL ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES



To refer someone who might be eligible for CCSP:

**404.463.3333**

CCSP Intake Unit  
Atlanta Regional Commission  
40 Courtland Street NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303

To inquire about CCSP services if  
you are already enrolled in the program:

**404.222.2417**

CCSP Care Management Unit  
Visiting Nurse Health System  
100 Edgewood Avenue, Suite 900  
Atlanta, GA 30303

## What are the financial eligibility requirements?

### • **Supplemental Security Income**

Persons who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and are eligible for medical assistance automatically meet financial eligibility for CCSP. 2008 SSI limits are \$637/month for an individual and \$956/month for a couple.

### • **Medical Assistance Only**

Persons who do not receive SSI may qualify for medical assistance under another Medicaid category. These participants may have to pay toward the cost of services. To qualify for CCSP a person may have a gross income of up to \$1,911 per month.

### • **Cost Share**

A person's monthly income determines how much cost share must be paid each month. The amount may be as high as all of the income over the SSI amount of \$637 per month. However, a CCSP Medicaid-eligible person may divert some of his or her income to a legal spouse who is not in an institution. In order to divert income, the legal spouse's gross income cannot exceed \$2,610 per month including the amount diverted.

### • **Resource Limit**

An individual may have up to \$2,000 in resources and be eligible for CCSP. If both persons in a couple are enrolled in CCSP, they may have up to \$3,000 in combined resources. In addition, an individual may have up to \$10,000 designated for burial. If a CCSP client has a spouse who is neither in CCSP nor an institution, the total combined assets of the individual and the spouse must be \$106,400 or less. The CCSP client must transfer assets in his or her name in excess of \$2,000 to the community spouse within one year from the month Medicaid eligibility begins.

### • **Medicaid Estate Recovery**

Medicaid Estate Recovery applies for individuals enrolled in CCSP who own their own home. Please call the intake unit at 404-463-3333 for more information or the Medicaid Estate Recovery office at 770-916-0328.



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