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PDA Caregiver Support Program (CSP) Overview

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General Eligibility Requirements

Caregivers enrolled in CSP:

- Must be the primary caregiver
 - Primary Caregiver – the one identified adult family member or other responsible person who has primary responsibility for the provision of care, including coordination of care and services, needed to maintain the physical and/or mental health of their Care Receiver
- Shall be actively involved/engaged with various aspects of care on a regular, but not necessarily daily, basis
- May not receive reimbursement for personally providing caregiving services to their Care Receiver
- Caregivers and Care Receivers must be PA residents

Caregiver of Individuals age 60+ or with Alzheimer's Disease or other Chronic Dementia

Caregiver:

- Age 18 and older
- Primary Caregiver of an individual age 60+ or with Alzheimer's Disease or other chronic dementia

Care Receiver:

- At least one or two Activity of Daily Living (ADLs) deficits **OR**
- 18-59 years of age with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or other chronic dementia **OR**
- Under 18 years of age with chronic dementia

Living Arrangement:

- Caregiver and Care Receiver are not required to live in the same residence
- Residence is defined as a living arrangement in which members share common living areas – including the kitchen, living room and/or bathroom

Income:

- Household income is defined as the total gross income of all persons living in the Care Receiver's residence, with the exception of a minor or dependent student
- Household income must be less than or equal to 380% of the Federal Poverty Level

Grandparent/Older Relative Caregiver of Children

Caregiver:

- Age 55 and older
- Primary Caregiver of the child(ren)
- NOT biological parent of child(ren)
- Related to child(ren) by blood, marriage or adoption
- Legal relationship to child(ren) or raising them informally

Care Receiver:

- Child(ren) under age 18

Living Arrangement:

- Caregiver and Care Receiver are required to live in the same residence
- Residence is defined as a living arrangement in which members share common living areas – including the kitchen, living room and/or bathroom

Income:

- Household income is defined as the total gross income of all persons living in the Care Receiver's residence, with the exception of a minor or dependent student
- Household income must be less than or equal to 380% of the Federal Poverty Level

Older Relative Caregiver of an Adult with a Disability

Caregiver:

- Age 55 and older
- Primary Caregiver of an individual with a disability
- Related to Care Receiver by blood, marriage or adoption

Care Receiver:

- Age 18-59 with a non-dementia disability

Living Arrangement:

- Caregiver and Care Receiver are required to live in the same residence
- Residence is defined as a living arrangement in which members share common living areas – including the kitchen, living room and/or bathroom

Income:

- Household income is defined as the total gross income of all persons living in the Care Receiver's residence, with the exception of a minor or dependent student
- Household income must be less than or equal to 380% of the Federal Poverty Level

Services Available through the CSP

- ❖ Care Management
- ❖ Benefits Counseling
- ❖ Caregiver Education & Training
- ❖ Caregiver Reimbursement

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