

Policy

Alzheimer Respite funds will be awarded by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) to each Area Agency on Aging (AAA) on an annual basis. The purpose of these funds is to provide services that assist family caregivers of people of any age with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia.

A – Allocation of Funds

1. ODA will allocate Alzheimer’s Respite funds to AAAs based on the Title III allocation formula set forth in Policy 109.00. An amount of each allocation will be designated in the Notice of Grant Award (NGA) solely for the use by Alzheimer’s Association Chapters for core services.
2. Alzheimer’s Association core services funds will be distributed to the Alzheimer’s Association Chapter covering each county via each AAA’s approved Title III funding formula utilizing a grant process. Rule 173-3-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code, “Older Americans Act: procurement standards” does not apply to funding of core services.
3. AAAs may retain up to 10% of the Alzheimer Respite funds, exclusive of the amount set aside in Section A.1, for administration of the Alzheimer Respite program.

B – Service Requirements

1. Alzheimer’s Association core services: In recognition of the strength of the Alzheimer’s Association national network that people turn to for information and help when caring for victims of Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia, the core services are defined as the activities listed below. It is not required to provide all of the following activities through the grant.
 - a. Telephone Helpline: a toll-free phone number and local information and support service for families, professionals and the general public. The single statewide phone number will automatically connect the caller to the Alzheimer Association chapter responsible for the area from where the call is made.
 - b. Support Groups: ongoing groups of caregivers and others who share information and provide support to one another.
 - c. Family Education: educational programs for caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease.
 - d. Public Education: educational programs and materials geared toward the general public.

- g. Safe Return: a national program that helps people with dementia return home safely if they become lost.
 - h. Care Consultation: a program that helps people navigate the difficult decisions and uncertainties that people with Alzheimer’s or other dementia and their families face at every stage of the disease.
2. AAA list of services include:
- a. Personal Care: Respite using service as defined in OAC 173-3-06.5
 - b. Homemaker: Respite using service as defined in OAC 173-3-06.4
 - c. Adult Day Care: Respite using service as defined in OAC 173-3-06.1
 - d. Visiting: Temporary in-home respite other than Personal Care or Homemaker;
 - f. Institutional Care: Respite for 24 hours or more in a hospital or other institutional setting; and
 - g. Alzheimer Association Core Services as defined in Section B.1.
3. AAAs may request a variance from allowable Alzheimer’s Respite services in accordance with ODA Policy 207.00. ODA will consider variance requests that support innovation.
4. AAAs shall use existing ODA service standards as set forth in OAC 173-3-06, where applicable, for services funded under Alzheimer Respite Section B.2.
5. The cost sharing required by rule 173-3-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code is not mandatory for any Alzheimer Respite services, but AAAs may elect to implement cost sharing for services funded under Section B.2.

C - Programmatic Reporting Requirement

1. AAAs shall develop a process to quantify the Alzheimer’s Association Core Services funded by Section B.1.
2. AAAs shall report services funded by Section B.2 through the SAMS reporting system.
3. Services performed by a subcontractor according to Section B.1 shall be reported in SAMS by the AAA or subcontractor if designated as a SAMS user by the AAA.

Effective Dates: July 1, 1999, August 1, 2001, July 1, 2018