

Private Pay Assisted Living Program



The Private Assisted Living Program is a component of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE). The program grew out of recognition that some elders, after living in a Private Assisted Living Facility for a time, have spent down their assets and thus require help paying for home care services. It provides help paying for home care services for persons age 65 and older who reside in approved private assisted living communities, and who qualify functionally and financially for the CHCPE.

In order to assist these participants, the program provides funding for their assisted living services but does not pay for room and board. This program is based on the premise that it is cost effective to provide these services so these participants will not require care in a nursing facility.

A total of 150 slots are available. The Community Options Unit maintains a waitlist and applicants must request to be placed on the list, provide demographic and financial information including monthly income and total assets. Applicants who do not meet the financial/functional requirements for the program remain on the waitlist until they qualify.

For participants who are eligible, Community Options staff will contact applicant/family when a slot becomes available. Applicant/Family must reply within 15 days of notification. Applicants/family who do not respond will be removed from the wait list.

How Do I Get on the Program?

Once the applicant is determined eligible and the applicant has been offered a slot on the program, a local Access Agency care manager will contact the applicant to conduct a needs assessment. The applicant, the assisted living staff and the Access Agency develop a plan of care and determine the applicant's Service Package Level based on the needs assessment. Service Package Levels are based on weekly hours of personal care services needed by the applicant.

What Services are Included?

There are four Services Package Levels.

Service Packages

Occasional Personal Service

1 hour per week, up to 3.75 hours per week of personal services plus nursing visits as needed.

Limited Personal Service

4 hours per week, up to 8.75 hours per week of personal services plus nursing visits as needed.

Moderate Personal Service

9 hours per week, up to 14.75 hours per week of personal services plus nursing visits as needed.

Extensive Personal Services

15 hours per week, up to 25 hours per week of personal services plus nursing visits as needed

How Do I Qualify?

To qualify the applicant:

- Must be age 65 or older
- Must qualify functionally and financially for Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE).
- Must reside in a participating Managed Residential Community (MRC) served by a participating Assisted Living Service Agency (ALSA).

Depending on the applicant's income and assets, program participants may be required to pay a 9% cost share or applied income. Cost share and applied income payments are mandatory and required.

Referral Information

To apply for the Private Assisted Living Program, please call (860) 424-5814 or 860-424-4904.

