

Ohio's Home- and Community-Based Waiver Programs for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Home- and community-based services (HCBS) allow Ohioans covered by Medicaid to get healthcare services and support in their own home or community instead of a nursing home, hospital, or other long-term care facility. Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) offers four HCBS waiver programs serving older adults and people with disabilities. Each program gives enrollees control over their care while remaining in their communities.

The following pages offer a glimpse into each HCBS waiver program, what it takes to be eligible and the state agency that oversees the program.

HCBS Waiver Programs for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Ohio has four waiver programs for older adults and people who have disabilities who meet a nursing facility level of care. The "Waiver Comparison Chart" on pages 4 and 5 shows what each program offers and who is eligible. The Ohio Administrative Code links below provide state regulations and details on each program.

The four programs are listed below with links to the Ohio Administrative Rule about the program:

1. **Assisted Living**- serves people aged 21 and older who live in an Ohio Department of Aging certified licensed residential care facility.

Rule Link: [Rule 5160-33-03 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#)

2. **MyCare Ohio**-serves people aged 18 and older who meet a hospital or nursing level of care. Managed care plans provide services. MyCare Ohio is in certain counties only.

Rule Link: [Rule 5160-58-02 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#)

3. **Ohio Home Care**-serves people aged 0-59 with physical disabilities in the home.

Rule Link: [Rule 5160-46-02 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#)

4. **PASSPORT**-serves people aged 65 and older, and people with physical disabilities aged 60-64. Services are provided in the home instead of a nursing home.

Rule Link: [Rule 5160-31-03 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#)

Base Eligibility

To get services from Ohio's HCBS waiver programs for older adults and people with physical disabilities, certain conditions must be met. All programs require people to:

- Be eligible for Medicaid. This means a person will:
 - Be a United States citizen or meet Medicaid citizenship requirements.
 - Have or get a Social Security number.
 - Be an Ohio resident.
 - Meet financial requirements.
- Meet a nursing facility (NF) based level of care (i.e., intermediate or skilled) as outlined in [Rule 5160-3-08 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#).
- Need and use at least one waiver service monthly. See the Waiver Comparison Chart on pages 4 and 5 for a list of services.
- Services offered in the program can meet health-related needs in ways that are safe for the enrollee while in a community setting instead of a nursing facility.
- Agree to participate in the person-centered planning process.

Complete eligibility regulations are described in Chapter [5160:1 | Ohio Department of Medicaid | Eligibility](#). People will be assessed for eligibility during the enrollment process.

Request to Enroll

The first step to access HCBS waiver programs is to make a request. Ohio Department of Medicaid's Form 02399 is used to request a waiver and is submitted to either the County Department of Job and Family Services or the regional PASSPORT Administrative Agency. The request for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver form can be found here: [ODM02399fillx.pdf \(ohio.gov\)](#).

For complete steps on applying for Ohio Medicaid, visit this link: [How to Apply or Renew for Medicaid | Medicaid \(ohio.gov\)](#).

For help on accessing any program contact one of the following:



Ohio Benefits Long-Term Services and Support (OBLTSS)

OBLTSS is a network in Ohio that connects individuals to information, resources and community-based long-term services and supports. A support navigator will answer questions about OBLTSS, connect individuals to community resources and may recommend that you complete a Medicaid application.

To learn more, click here: [Ohio Medicaid - Benefits - Long-term Care - Home \(ohiohelps.org\)](#).

Requests can also be made by calling Ohio Benefits Long Term Services and Supports (OBLTSS) at (844) 644-6582.



County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS)

To find your local agency go here: [County Directory \(ohio.gov\)](#)
[Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.](#)



Regional PASSPORT Administrative Agencies (PAA's)

To find your regional agency go here: [Local Office | Department of Aging \(ohio.gov\).](#)

For MyCare Ohio

In addition to the above contacts, MyCare members can request the waiver through their MyCare plan care manager.

To learn more about MyCare and plan contacts, go here: [MyCare-Ohio | Medicaid.](#)

Waiver Comparison

Assisted Living

Assisted living is provided in a community-based residential facility. People pay for their room and board. Services help with daily needs, nursing, meals, and social activity.

MyCare Ohio

MyCare is a special project offered in 29 Ohio counties. It combines Medicare and Medicaid benefits. People get services through a MyCare Ohio managed care plan.

Ohio Home Care Waiver

The Ohio Home Care Waiver gives services to people at home and in the community instead of a nursing home, hospital, or other facility.

PASSPORT

The PASSPORT program helps Ohioans ages 60 years and older to get services and supports they need to stay in their homes or other community settings, rather than enter nursing homes. Monthly service costs are limited to \$14,700 per month.

Eligibility Comparison

Assisted Living

- Have a nursing facility level of care.
- Aged 21-64 and have a physical disability.

- Aged 65 or older.
- Can make room and board payments.
- Lives in a residential care facility (RCF) licensed by the Ohio Department of Health.

MyCare Ohio

- Have a nursing facility level of care.
- Age 18-64 and have a physical disability.
- Aged 65 or older.
- Eligible for Medicare parts A, B and D.

Live in one of these Ohio counties: Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, Wood, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Summit, Portage, Stark, Wayne, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Union, Delaware, Franklin, Pickaway, Madison, Clark, Green, Montgomery, Butler, Warren, Clinton, Hamilton, and Clermont

Ohio Home Care Waiver

- Have a nursing facility level of care.
- Aged 0-59 and have a physical disability.

PASSPORT

- Have a nursing facility level of care.
- Aged 60-64 and have a physical disability.
- Aged 65 or older.
- Service costs do not go over \$14,700 per month.

Administration and Case Management

Assisted Living

Operated by the Ohio Department of Aging.

Case management provided by PASSPORT administrative agencies.

MyCare Ohio

Operated by the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Case management provided by managed care plans: Aetna Better Health Ohio, Buckeye Health Plan, CareSource, Molina HealthCare of Ohio and United Healthcare Community Plan.

Ohio Home Care Waiver

Operated by the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Case management provided by Ohio Medicaid contracted case management agencies.

PASSPORT

Operated by the Ohio Department of Aging.

Case management provided by PASSPORT administrative agencies.

Service Lists

Assisted Living

- Assisted living
- Community transition

MyCare Ohio

- Adult day service
- Alternative meals
- Assisted living
- Choices home care attendant
- Community integration
- Community transition
- Enhanced community living
- Home care attendant
- Home delivered meals
- Home maintenance and chore
- Homemaker
- Home modification
- Home medical equipment and supplies
- Nutritional consultation
- Out-of-home respite
- Personal care
- Personal emergency response system
- Social work or counseling
- Waiver nursing
- Waiver transportation

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- Homemaker
- Home modification
- Home medical equipment and supplies
- Non-medical transportation
- Nutritional consultation
- Out-of-home respite
- Personal care
- Personal emergency response system
- Social work or counseling
- Waiver nursing

Ohio Administrative Code Links

The following table provides links to the Ohio Administrative Code for each waiver service. The rules provide detailed requirements for providers and stakeholders seeking details.

Service	Program	Ohio Rule Reference(s)
Adult day services	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.1 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	OHCW	Rule 5160-46-04 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Alternative meals	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.2 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Assisted living	Assisted Living	Rule 173-39-02.16 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Choices home care attendant	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
Community integration	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-14 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-14 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Community transition	Assisted Living	Rule 5160-44-26 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-26 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-26 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Enhanced community living	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.20 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Home care attendant	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-27 - Ohio Administrative code Ohio Laws

Service	Program	Ohio Rule Reference(s)
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-27 - Ohio Administrative code Ohio Laws
Home-delivered meals	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-11 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-11 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	<i>Kosher option:</i>	Rule 173-39-02.19 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Home maintenance and chores	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-12 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-12 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Homemaker	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.8 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Home modification	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-13 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-13 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Home medical equipment and supplies	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-46-04 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.7 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Non-medical transportation	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.18 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Nutritional consultation	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.10 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Out-of-home respite	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-17 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-17 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws



Service	Program	Ohio Rule Reference(s)
Personal care	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-46-04 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.11 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Personal emergency response system	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-16 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-16 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Social work or counseling	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	PASSPORT	Rule 173-39-02.12 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Supplemental Transportation	OHCW	Rule 5160-46-04 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Waiver nursing	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers
	OHCW	Rule 5160-44-22 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
	PASSPORT	Rule 5160-44-22 - Ohio Administrative Code Ohio Laws
Waiver transportation	MyCare	Rule 5160-58-04 MyCare Ohio waiver: covered services and providers