



OHIO ASSISTED LIVING ASSOCIATION

A cost comparison of Medicaid programs providing similar services to the Assisted Living Waiver program.

MEDICAID Reimbursement		
Assisted Living Waiver Service	24 hours per day service package	Tier 1 \$49.98/day* Tier 2 \$60.00/day Tier 3 \$69.98/day
Certified Adult Day Services	4-8 hours (Transportation & additional services billed separately)	Enhanced \$49.39** Intensive \$64.84
PASSPORT Personal Care Service	4 hours	\$71.84 (\$17.96/hr)**
Shared Living	Occasional Continuous	Level I: \$77.20/day**** Level II: \$113.90/day
Nursing Home	24 hours per day	\$ 177.31/day****

Source: *OAC 5101:3-1-06.5 Appendix A

**ODM proposed rate – effective January 2017

***Ohio waiver application to CMS

**** Ohio Department of Medicaid-(July 2016 rate increase not included)

OALA has prepared this comparison to highlight the Medicaid reimbursement rates for programs with similar services to the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW), being provided to older adults in Ohio. The other programs are not “overpaid”, but this chart shows that ***the reimbursement for the ALW falls way below that for comparable programs.*** It is also important to note that both PASSPORT and Adult Day services are *scheduled* services, and in the Assisted Living setting, a complete package of services are provided as needed, 24 hours per day.

Every person in the ALW is eligible to be in a nursing home, so this program represents a large cost-savings to the state. Scripps Gerontology Center, in their last Biennial Survey Report (2015), highlighted the cost savings of the ALW program to the state, noting the average client contribution is higher in Assisted Living: “... *These costs are the actual expenditures made by Medicaid, after they have received the consumer’s contribution. PASSPORT and the assisted living waiver are the two lowest cost programs (\$1,312 and \$1,608, respectively). One of the reasons that the assisted living waiver is less costly is because most residents start out paying privately and traditionally have higher monthly incomes and thus have higher program contributions. ... Nursing homes, who provide an array of services to a very impaired population, receive almost \$4,300 per month from Medicaid.*”