

Application Process

Interested applicants should phone the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-368-1066 to arrange for a home visit by the FCSP case manager. The case manager will evaluate, and consider consumers' appropriateness for any Agency programs are not necessarily available simultaneously.) The case manager will guide the family in choosing services that will be most beneficial to their situation. Applicants whose primary interest is NOT in Family Caregivers financial benefits are directed toward the Agency's regular gamut of services so as to preserve Family Caregiver slots for those who wish to avail themselves of its unique benefits.

If choosing the FCSP is the family's best alternative, the case manager will help the family arrange those benefits unique to the FCSP, enabling them to receive maximum financial benefits and maximum control and flexibility.

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FCSP GRANDPARENTING PROGRAM

Caring for a grandchild (age 18 or younger) in the home can be a stressful and sometimes costly experience. Unfortunately, many caregivers simply don't know what help is available or where to turn to obtain help. The Penna. Dept. of Aging through the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging provides such help through the Family Caregiver Support Program. Its purpose is to reinforce, not replace the care being provided by a grandparent to an impaired grandchild living in their home.

Benefits and services that are provided may include: assessment of needs; counseling in coping skills; training in caregiving skills; financial assistance to purchase supplies or services; one-time grant for home adaptation or assistive devices; benefits counseling on services available through local, state or federal programs; referrals to family support or discuss specific organizations; and assistance with completing benefits and insurance forms.

Eligibility requirements vary according to state and/or federal regulations. Basic regulations are the care receiver is age 18 or younger, and resides in the same household as the caregiver. The caregiver must be at least 60 years of age and is related to child (grandparent or older relative) and is the primary caregiver. Household income not exceeding 380% of poverty level. Priority is given to mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities. If eligible, the state program may reimburse up to \$200/month. The federal program may reimburse up to \$500/month.

DURABLE GOODS

Durable goods are any non-disposable assistive/personal devices which are usable to assist the care receiver (or the caregiver on the care receiver's behalf) to carry out an activity of daily living and/thereby, reduce the caregiver's burden. Before the Family Caregiver Program will pay for any durable goods, it must first be determined that no funding is available from Medicare, Medical Assistance or other insurance. Some items may warrant a note from doctor stating medical necessity. Pre-approval required for items over \$100.00.

Pill Box	Glucose Monitor
Pill Crusher	Potty Chair
Lift Chair	Hoyer Lift
Stair Lift	Blood Pressure
Bath Seat/	Monitor
Bath Bench	Heating Pad
Grab Bars for	Bed Pan
Tub/Shower/Toilet	Egg Crate Mattress
Mattress Protector	Seat Cushion
Transfer Bench	Cane
Hospital Bed	Elevated Toilet Seat
Rails for Bed	Fan
Walker	Wheelchair
Baby Monitor	

Respite (Babysitting) is available through FCSP Grandparenting Program to those who qualify.

APPROVED SUPPLIES

We have updated the approved supplies list to better serve you, our consumers. As before, if you have a special need or supply not listed, contact the Melanie Iverson.

Incontinence Supplies, Pantyliners, Adult

Diapers, Blue Pads

Bandages, Gauze Tape for Current Skin

Conditions

Alcohol Swabs

Sterile Gloves

Nutrition Supplements-Ensure

Diabetic Supplies, Test Strips, Syringes

(with MD order)

Peroxide

Special Eye Creams, Lotions

Emergency Alert Systems—Life Line

Special Skin Care Products, Lotions, Powders

Irrigating Bags

Catheter and urinary Bags

Laxatives and Stool Softeners

Anti-Diarrhea Products

Food Care Products

Denture Products

Analgesic Rubs— example: Bengay

Sleep Aids

Vitamins

Feminine Hygiene Products