

# *Senior Care Program*

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## *What is the Senior Care Program?*

The Senior Care Program helps seniors live with dignity and in the comfort of their own homes at lower cost than care at a nursing facility.

Through the Senior Care Program, eligible individuals receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs performed by a registered nurse, case management to secure and coordinate services, and access to a limited pool of gap-filling monies to help fund services.

## *Who Provides the Services?*

The Senior Care Program is offered to the residents of St. Mary's County through the cooperative efforts of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services, the local Department of Social Services (DSS), and the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD).

Representatives from each of these agencies form a joint care plan team known as the Senior Care Steering Committee which helps provide and guide Senior Care Services.

## *What kind of services does Senior Care Program provide?*

Services provided by Senior Care may include:

- Case management
- Durable medical equipment
- Emergency response systems
- Loaned equipment
- Incontinent supplies
- Nutritional supplies
- Financial assistance for prescriptions
- Others

## *What are the criteria to be eligible for the Senior Care Program?*

Individuals must meet the following criteria:

- 65 years of age or older
- Able to meet income & asset guidelines
- Severely or moderately disabled as determined by nursing assessment tool.
- A current resident of St. Mary's County
- At risk of entering a nursing facility as determined by nursing assessment.

## *How do I get referred or refer someone?*

Contact the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services Maryland Access Point.

 **Maryland Access Point**  
301-475-4200, ext. 1057

## *What happens once I am referred?*

When an individual contacts the MAP Office for Senior Care Services he or she is screened to determine if they may be eligible for the program or other services. Individuals appearing eligible will be contacted by a Local Health Department nurse to schedule an in-home assessment.

The assessment is presented to the team to determine if the client meets the eligibility criteria and to develop a plan of care. This plan outlines services the client is currently receiving and services that are needed. The plan is then forwarded to a case manager for action. Each Senior Care client is assigned a case manager who is responsible for implementing the care plan and monitoring the client's status.

A waiting list for Senior Care may apply.

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## **Your Department of Aging & Human Services**

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services provides a wide variety of programs and services to the senior residents of the county.

Our Home and Community Based Services Division partners with other county agencies to extend a comprehensive and coordinated approach to serving our aging residents and caregivers. Through joint effort, we are able to pool resources, compliment services, and maximize the options available to the families we serve.

The Department of Aging & Human Services distributes a bi-monthly newsletter by request. To be placed on the mailing list or for more information on any Department of Aging & Human Services program, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1050.

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### *Department Locations* **Department of Aging & Human Services Administrative Building**

41780 Baldrige Street  
Leonardtown, MD  
P.O. Box 653  
301-475-4200, ext. 1050

### **Garvey Senior Activity Center**

23630 Hayden Farm Lane  
Leonardtown, MD  
301-475-4200, ext. 1080

### **Loffler Senior Activity Center**

21905 Chancellor's Run Road  
Great Mills, MD  
301-475-4200, ext. 1658

### **Northern Senior Activity Center**

29655 Charlotte Hall Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD  
301-475-4200, ext. 3101

### **Division of Human Services Maryland Access Point (MAP)**

Potomac Building  
23115 Leonard Hall Drive  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
301-475-4200, ext. 1680

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