



## NEWS COLUMN – Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.

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### **What We Do – Non-Medicaid Programs**

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For the 5<sup>th</sup> part of our “AAA7...What We Do” series, we will review non-Medicaid programs provided through the Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7). These include case management services for non-Medicaid services such as the Veteran-Directed Program, Hospital2Home, and Service Coordination, in addition to programs available through Older Americans Act funding.



#### **Veteran-Directed Program**

This program is a partnership with the AAA7 and local Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC) that provides a self-directed program for veterans. Through the agreement, the AAA7 provides care management and fiscal intermediary services while local participating VAMCs refer veterans who are deemed eligible to the AAA7 for the program. To be eligible, a veteran must be enrolled with the VAMC, have a VA primary care provider, and meet the eligibility criteria for home and community-based services as determined by the VA.

#### **Hospital2Home**

Hospital2Home is funded by the federal Senior Community Services Block Grant and is a voucher program for those being discharged from the hospital to their home. The program provides short-term services such as personal care and home-delivered meals to assist individuals returning home after a brief hospital stay, in addition to short-term telephonic assistance to assist with long-term services and support. Eligibility requirements include: living within the AAA7's ten-county district; age 60 or older without a Medicaid card and also not enrolled in a Medicaid Waiver program; and needing assistance with at least two Activities of Daily Living (ADL) to receive personal care services and must be dependent in the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) with meal preparation and not have someone available to prepare a meal to receive home-delivered meals.

#### **Service Coordination**

This service offers a link between residents of apartment housing complexes and the community to enhance and improve the quality of life for residents in the complex. Services include arranging transportation, assistance with applications for benefits and other needed resources, resolution of resident conflicts, and ensuring that fair housing practices are in place. Service Coordination is currently provided in the following locations within the AAA7's district: Vinton Green (Vinton County); Hurth Apartments (Scioto County); and Oakdale Estates (Adams County).

#### **Older Americans Act Services**

Older Americans Act funding provides services through contracted agencies in each county. These include personal care, homemaker, adult day care, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, legal assistance, and transportation. Recipients must be age 60 or older. Services are available through a number of funding sources, including private pay.

AAA7 programs are available to help older adults and those of any age living with a disability remain safely and independently in their residence of choice. Contact us today at 800-582-7277 or email [info@aaa7.org](mailto:info@aaa7.org) for more information or if you or someone you know could benefit from our services.