

Massachusetts Family Caregiver Support Program

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible Populations:

- Family and adult primary caregivers of older adults 60 years of age or older, or, for certain services, of individuals of any age who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease; and
- Grandparents and relative caregivers 60 years of age or older of children not more than 18 years of age (including grandparents who are sole caregivers of grandchildren and those individuals who are affected by mental retardation or who have developmental disabilities).

The statute requires states give priority consideration to: 1) persons in greatest social and economic need (with particular attention to low-income, minority individuals); and 2) older individuals providing care and support to persons with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities.

Definitions:

- (1) CHILD- The term "child" means an individual who is not more than 18 years of age.
- (2) FAMILY CAREGIVER- The term "family caregiver" means an adult family member, or another individual, who is an informal provider of in-home and community care to an older individual.
- (3) GRANDPARENT OR OLDER INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A RELATIVE CAREGIVER- The term "grandparent or older individual who is a relative caregiver" means a grandparent or step-grandparent of a child, or a relative of a child by blood or marriage, who is 60 years of age or older and--
 - (A) lives with the child;
 - (B) is the primary caregiver of the child because the biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregiver of the child; and
 - (C) has a legal relationship to the child, as such legal custody or guardianship, or is raising the child informally.

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Federally Funded Programs

A donation will be accepted for the following services:

- Grandparent support services
- Training, education and support services

State Funded Programs

Home Care and Respite Care program eligibility criteria will apply to the following services:

- 24/7 Care Teams
- Enhanced Adult Day Care
- Consumer Directed Care

Enhanced Case Management Services

- There are no eligibility requirements for this service.
- These services are provided at no charge to the consumer for the first six months of service. After six months, the suggested charge for case management services is \$75/hour.