



Domiciliary Care

...Home Away from Home

What is Domiciliary Care?

Domiciliary Care (Dom Care) is defined as “care in the home”. The Dom Care Program is regulated by the PA Department of Aging and administered by the Butler County Area Agency on Aging. Dom Care is a personalized, supportive, homelike, community-based living arrangement.

The program provides a consumer who, for one reason or another, can no longer live alone. Consumers seeking Dom Care may range in age from 18 years of age and older! The common bond between all of these adults is the desire to have a home-like atmosphere in which to live.

Providers of Dom Care Services are private consumers maintaining their own single-family dwelling. These providers are certified by the Area Agency on Aging in accordance with regulations set by the PA Department of Aging.

Once a consumer is deemed eligible for Dom Care Services, they are referred to Certified Dom Care Providers. The consumer selects their preferred provider. Both the provider and consumer then enter into the state approved Dom Care agreement.

Who needs Dom Care?

Dom Care services are non-medical services. Individuals benefiting from Dom Care do have a limiting handicap of some nature, either mental or physical. These individuals possess a significant degree of independence but their quality of life is improved when they are NOT living alone. Individuals must be mobile or semi-mobile, in control of their bowels and bladder, and willing to live in a family-type setting.

Eligibility of a consumer for Dom Care is based on the results of a comprehensive needs assessment, performed by the Butler County Area Agency on Aging.

What are Dom Care Homes?

Dom Care Homes are private residences in Butler County whose owners are willing to share their homes. Dom Care Homes are certified (and annually re-certified) if the provider (responsible person) meets state-established criteria (such as passing Act 34 clearance, health screenings every two years, current first aid and CPR trainings and homeowner's insurance) and the dwelling passes inspection by agency staff and a certified fire inspector.

What do Dom Care Homes Provide?

- * Room and Board
- * Three Meals a day
- * Housekeeping
- * Laundry Services
- * Assistance with personal care
- * Companionship
- * Emotional Support
- * Supervision
- * Family-like activities
- * On-going Caseworker over-sight and visits

How much does Dom Care Cost?

Under the terms of the Dom Care Program, the consumer pays a set monthly fee to the provider. The PA Dept. of Public Welfare and the Department of Aging work together to set the fee paid by Dom Care residents to the home owner. The 2009 fee is \$936.00 for a single person. The rate for a couple is \$1664.00. Low-income residents may be eligible for a subsidy from the Department of Public Welfare in order to pay for Dom Care. This will be established during the comprehensive needs assessment.

Connecting to Dom Care Service

The process of applying for Dom Care Services is done in four easy steps:

- 1) Consumers should call the Area Agency on Aging and speak with the Dom Care Coordinator (Darla DiBiase).
- 2) Coordinator meets with the consumer and his/her family to verify qualifying information.
- 3) The Assessment Unit performs a comprehensive needs assessment. Medical and financial information are detailed through this assessment. Your PCP verifies your medical needs are compatible with Dom Care Services by completing a medical evaluation form, called an MA-51.
- 4) Once a consumer is deemed eligible for Dom Care Services, they are referred to certified providers. The consumer and family visit Dom Care homes to view the accommodations, get acquainted with the provider, and make a selection.

Who do I contact for more information?

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