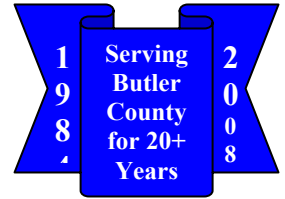




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RESPIRE CARE

Respite care is available to residents of Butler County age 60 or older who, because of physical or cognitive limitations, require supervision and/or assistance with one or more activities of daily living. Activities of daily living may include: bathing, feeding, dressing and others.

This service is designed to provide needed supervision for the consumer in the caregiver's absence and to give the caregiver temporary relief from their duties. The consumer must live in an independent residence in the community, and must have a primary caregiver who is age 18 or older.

The consumer and caregiver ***do not*** need to reside in the same house or be related to qualify for this service. Respite care may be provided in a variety of settings and times, depending on the consumer and caregiver needs. It may occur in the home or in an outside facility such as a personal care home or an adult day service center.

Eligibility is based on the results of a comprehensive needs assessment. If an individual is eligible, a caseworker will develop a care plan and authorization for services, which will specify the amount of respite care than can be provided. Although income is factored into the overall assessment of need, there are guidelines set to enable more middle-income consumers to participate. Reimbursement for eligible respite care expenses is done on a cost-sharing basis, according to the consumer's total annual household income.

Some of the benefits of respite care services include:

- Choice of relief from normal Caregiving responsibilities
- Choice of the respite care setting (in-home or outside facility)
- Choice of the service provider
- Choice of days and times of service according to the consumer's needs
- Respite care during the caregiver's work day

**For more information on the Respite Care Service,
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Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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