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At the AL Waiver program inception in 2006, the reimbursement rate was \$69.98....

Today, the reimbursement rate is still \$69.98 per day.

The cost of a first-class postage stamp in this same timeframe increased 41% (\$.39 to \$.55)

Ohio's seniors deserve to get the care they need in the least restrictive and most cost effective environment possible.

Important Facts:

- There are 3 Tiers of service reimbursement to an AL facility based on the individual's level of care needs. At the highest level, the reimbursement to the **AL facility** is **\$69.98** per day. The **average NH** reimbursement is **\$196** per day.
- As a federal waiver participant, individuals are required to pay the AL facility \$24.00 per day for room & board at the state set reimbursement equal to the federal SSI payment amount.
- AL Room and Board (\$24/day) requires a private apartment, all meals, snacks, housekeeping, laundry and maintenance services. Nursing Home Medicaid coverage is for a shared room.
- The AL Waiver program was put into practice as a Nursing Facility diversion or deferment program
- AL Facilities provide: 24-hour supervision/assistance; medication administration & oversight; daily activity support with dressing, bathing, ambulation, re-direction, socialization, etc.; and additional nursing services.



Genworth Cost of care 2004-2018

Vs. Ohio Assisted Living Waiver Reimbursement

Assisted Living Facility Costs⁴



*Represents average cost through 2008, switched to median in 2009. Genworth Cost of Care Survey 2004-2018, Conducted by CareScout®.

*Ohio ALW Reimbursement is based on Service Teir 3 (the highest level) reimbursement.

Access to the Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program is currently limited due to the **low reimbursement** to provide a significant 24/7 service package.

Assisted Living is a cost-effective alternative to nursing home care...

The Assisted Living Waiver is good for Ohio.

Medicaid cost savings for 10 people served by the Assisted Living Waiver, instead of in a Nursing Home, ...is \$459,900/year

Medicaid cost for 10 people

Nursing Home: \$715,400

Assisted Living Waiver: \$255,500

*For the cost of **one** person in a nursing home, Medicaid could pay for **2.8** people in Assisted Living*



Older Ohioans and tax payers need access increased to the Assisted Living Waiver.

This will only be possible if the program is reimbursed more equitably for the services provided.

The Assisted Living Waiver program has never had a rate increase since it began in **2006!**

The current service rate is only \$70/day (Tier III; Medicaid dollars) for this 24/7 service package.

OALA is recommending a realignment of all Tiers with increase reimbursement and to include Memory Care

Currently there is no or little access to memory care for Assisted Living waiver residents.

Traditionally, the costs to operate a designated memory care program is 25% higher than Assisted Living.