

Global Options

Global Options is a long term care initiative that was introduced in 2004 and 2005 through Gubernatorial Executive Orders enacted through the Independence, Dignity, and Choice in Long Term Care Act. The program administers a number of home and community based programs for seniors and their caregivers. The GO waiver has consolidated Adult Family Care, Assisted Living, Assisted Living in Subsidized Housing, the Caregiver Assistance Program, and the Community Care Program for the Elderly and Disabled, under one program.

A second component, Global Options **Nursing Facility Transition** also provides a broad array of supportive services to enable nursing home facility residents who are clinically and financially approved for long term care through Medicaid to return to the community, if determined feasible.

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Individuals must be 65 or over and be eligible for Medicare or have other health insurance that includes hospital and physician coverage.
- ✓ Individuals under 65 must be determined disabled by the Social Security Administration.
- ✓ The Department of Health and Senior Services must assess all individuals.
- ✓ An individual's income must exceed Supplemental Security Income (SSI) up to the institutional cap or be ineligible in the community because of SSI deeming rules.
- ✓ Resources may not exceed those required in the institutional program.
- ✓ Individuals who are currently Medicaid eligible for community services are not covered under the waiver.
- ✓ A spouse's income is not considered in determination of eligibility however, the spouse's resources are.

Income Guidelines and Resources

\$2,022.00 monthly

\$2,000.00 single assets

Married couples will apply for benefit screening

Services Provided

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| ✓ Assisted Living/Adult Family Care | Respite Care |
| ✓ Personal Care Assistant | Environmental Accessibility Adaptations |
| ✓ Personal Emergency Response | Home Delivered Meals |
| ✓ Caregiver Participant Training | Social Adult Day Care |
| ✓ Transportation | Special Medical Equipment & Supplies |
| ✓ Attendant Care | Home Based Supportive Care |
| ✓ Participant Employed Providers | |

In addition, the participant will receive the full array of Medicaid state plan services.

How to Access Services

Call Social Services – Elizabeth 908-965-3735

Plainfield 908-791-7093

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JACC

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving

Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving provides a broad array of in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of placement in a nursing facility to remain in his/her community home. By providing a uniquely designed package of supports for the individual, JACC is intended to supplement and strengthen the capacity of caregivers, as well as to delay/prevent placement in a nursing facility.

JACC is Not a Medicaid waiver program. JACC is supported totally with state funds.

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Must be 60 years or older
- ✓ Resides in a home which he/she owns, rents or the home of a relative
- ✓ Is financially ineligible for Medicaid or Medicaid Waiver services
- ✓ Has no alternate means available to secure needed services or supports
- ✓ Has been determined to be clinically eligible for nursing facility level of care
- ✓ Is a US citizen or qualified alien
- ✓ Has a countable income that results in a co-payment of less than 100% of service costs.

Income Guidelines and Resources

- ✓ Monthly income SINGLE \$3,296.00 MARRIED \$4,435.00
- ✓ Has countable resources at or below \$40,000 single, \$60,000 married

Services Provided

- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Respite care
- ✓ Homemaker services
- ✓ Environmental accessibility modifications
- ✓ Personal emergency response systems
- ✓ Home delivered meal service
- ✓ Social adult day care
- ✓ Special medical equipment & supplies
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Chore services

How to Access Services

Call the Union County Division on Aging @ 908-527-4870/4872

TOLL FREE NUMBER 1-888-280-8226

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STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

The Statewide Respite Care Program is designed to provide assistance to families by giving caregivers a break from the daily responsibility of caring for an elderly or disabled relative or friend. Respite services may be used so that caregivers can shop, get medical care, attend to personal matters, rest, vacation or cope with an emergency. Respite may be used occasionally or at regularly scheduled times.

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Reside in New Jersey
- ✓ Be age 18 or over
- ✓ Have a chronic physical disability which requires supervision or assistance with basic daily needs from an unpaid caregiver and who are at risk of institutionalization

Income Guidelines and Resources

- ✓ \$2,022.00 monthly single
- ✓ \$4,044.00 monthly married
- ✓ Have liquid assets of less than \$40,000.00 for a single person and \$60,000.00 for a married couple. (assets that can be converted to cash within 20 working days)

There is a co-payment amount in some cases based on a sliding fee scale from 0% to 25% of the care recipient's annual income

Services Provided

- ✓ Homemaker/Home Health Aide
- ✓ Social or Medical day care
- ✓ In-patient Respite
- ✓ Home Delivered Meals

How to Access Services

Call 908-527-4870/4872 for more information

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Congregate Nutrition Program

The Union County Congregate Nutrition Program is a senior lunch program made possible by a grant from the United States Government under the Older Americans Act. The central objective of the lunch program is to maximize independence and dignity of seniors.

The program has four goals:

- ✓ Health maintenance through improved nutrition
- ✓ Fostering social interaction
- ✓ Providing access to other supportive services
- ✓ Satisfying emotional needs, especially for those who eat alone

Eligibility Requirements

Any person who is 60 years of age or older or anyone married to a person 60 years of age or older is cordially invited to participate in the program. A reservation should be made two days in advance. There are 23 nutrition sites located throughout Union County.

Income Guidelines and Resources

There are no income guidelines to participate; however, each participant will have the opportunity to make a confidential suggested voluntary donation of \$1.75 per meal. Donations are used to offset the cost of the meals and to expand the program.

Union County Meals on Wheels Home Delivery

The home delivered meals program is not administered directly through the Division on Aging. It is administered by Meals on Wheels, a private non-profit agency. Meals on Wheels serves home delivered meals to County residents who, because of illness or physical disability are unable to provide their own meals. The program aids individuals in maintaining a degree of independence by keeping them from hospitalization.

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Elderly individuals or couples who are unable to prepare a nutritious meal
- ✓ Homebound handicapped individuals
- ✓ Individuals recovering from recent hospitalization or illness
- ✓ Participants must be 60 years of age or older
- ✓ A home assessment is necessary to determine eligibility

Income Guidelines and Resources

None

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