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# CAREGIVER TIME OUT/PARKINSON'S PROGRAM

# Fact Sheet

## Summary of the Program:

- Caregiver Time Out is a program that **reimburses** caregivers of persons with dementia an average of $100 per month for respite services. The program is designed to give the caregiver "time out" from caregiving.

- Caregivers may choose respite services in the form of:

  1. In-home Services – homemaker, companion or personal care provided in the home by a licensed provider.

  2. Adult Day Care Centers – care provided in a community facility or a church/synagogue sponsored program. A typical day might include socialization, moderate exercise, activities, meals and assistance with personal care.

  3. Overnight Respite – care provided in a licensed assisted living facility or nursing home.

**The caregiver is responsible for the selection, arrangement and payment of respite services through an in-home respite provider, a licensed assisted living facility or an adult day facility. Some exceptions apply.**

## Financial Assistance:

Caregivers enrolled in the Caregiver Time Out program are eligible to be reimbursed for respite expenses up to $1,200 per year. Persons enrolled in the program may receive assistance for a one year period. Funds are limited and financial assistance is contingent on continued program funding. Services paid by Medicare or Medicaid cannot be reimbursed to the caregiver.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

The primary caregiver must:

- Reside with the person who has dementia
- Provide a diagnosis from the treating physician of Parkinson's disease with dementia
- Provide a recommendation for respite services from the treating physician
- Submit an application
- **All forms must be completed thoroughly**
- Utilize either:
  1. In-home respite providers
  2. Licensed adult day care facilities or church/synagogue sponsored day programs
  3. Licensed assisted living facilities or licensed nursing homes
  4. **NO reimbursement is given when person with dementia lives at a personal care home.**
- Sign a statement (provided by the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association) releasing the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association from liability
- Provide verification of services (utilizing the form provided by the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association) **within 60 days.** *The form **must** be completed thoroughly or the reimbursement process may be delayed.*

**Training Available:**

The Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is not responsible for selecting the respite provider or for monitoring the quality of care provided. We encourage caregivers hiring a provider to choose providers who have appropriate training in caring for persons with dementia. The chapter offers courses in dementia care and will give a *15% discount* for respite providers hired by caregivers enrolled in the Caregiver Time Out program.

**Program Funding:**

Funding for the program is provided by the Georgia Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association. To enroll in the program or to make a contribution to support the program, contact Suzette Binford at 404-728-1181.