

The ADvantage PROGRAM:

An Alternative to Nursing Home Care

Most older Oklahomans would prefer to stay at home and receive needed long-term care services in their home. Thousands of at-risk, frail seniors and disabled adults across the state are able to remain surrounded by the comforts of home and avoid or delay nursing home care thanks to the ADvantage Program, Oklahoma's Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Program.

The ADvantage Program helps people stay at home instead of going to a nursing home through case management and a variety of in-home and community-based services.

To qualify for Oklahoma's ADvantage Program, you must:

- Need or be at risk for nursing home/institutional care.
- Be age 65 or older or over the age of 21 with a physical disability, HIV/ADS, and/or a developmental disability without cognitive impairment.
- Have available supports or decision making ability to remain in their own home without risk to health, safety, and well-being.
- Have a personal (individual, not couple) income equal to or less than \$2,022 per month and assets less than \$2,000. For couples, division of asset guidelines apply for protection from spousal impoverishment.
- Individuals with an income over \$2,022 but less than \$3,000 a month may obtain assistance through use of a Medicaid Income Pension Trust.
- Demonstrate need for ADvantage program assistance as determined by the Department of Human Services – a DHS nurse determines medical eligibility with an

in-home assessment and a DHS case worker determines financial eligibility.

Once approved for the ADvantage Program, the individual chooses an agency to provide a certified case manager who works with them to determine what services are needed, and helps arrange for, coordinates, and monitors those services to help the person remain safely in their own home and avoid altogether or delay nursing home placement.

Services provided by the ADvantage Program are based on need and may include:

- Adult day services and respite care
- In-home personal care assistance and homemaking services, e.g., bathing, meal preparation, house keeping, grocery shopping, etc.
- Skilled care and therapies, e.g., nursing, physical, occupational, speech, respiratory
- Prescription drugs through Medicare Part D
- Home-delivered meals
- Home modification
- Hospice care
- Medical equipment and supplies, e.g., incontinence, ostomy, and diabetic supplies
- Supported restorative assistance

For more information or to apply call SeniorLine at LIFE Senior Services at (918) 664-9000 or Oklahoma's Department of Human Services (OKDHS) ADvantage Program Consumer Inquiry System (CIS) Line at (800) 435-4711



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