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**Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Respite Programs**

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The Area Agency on Aging Respite Programs is for those caregivers providing care at home for a loved one or family member. These respite programs can be used to hire someone to help assist the caregiver with his/her loved one’s care and provide much needed relief.

The following guidelines will help determine eligibility:

**STATE CAREGIVER PROGRAM**

* Caregivers (age 60+) with respite needs including persons with diagnosis of Alzheimer’s or related memory disorder disease
* Caregivers (age 60+) with children with disabilities needing respite. This includes senior parents (age 55+) with adult children with disabilities.
* Caregivers (age 55+) raising children (grandparents or other relatives, not parents)

**ALZHEIMER’s RESPITE**

* Individuals caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or a related disorder

**FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM**

* Caregivers caring for someone over the age of 60 with health problems or someone of any age with Alzheimer’s or dementia
* Caregivers (55+) raising children 18 and under
* Caregivers (55+) –not parents or spouses- caring for adults (19-59) with disabilities

**The following restrictions will apply in order to be eligible for the Area Agency on Aging Respite Program funds:**

* Respite funding from two different respite sources will not be allowed. This includes Caregiver Support Program, Community Long Term Care, Hospice, Medicaid (PACE) program, VA benefits providing in-home care, and SC Respite Coalition Vouchers.
* Priority in awarding respite funds will be given to caregivers who provide direct care for their loved ones.
* Alzheimer’s caregivers will provide a doctor’s written diagnosis of Alzheimer’s or a related memory disorder disease.
* Respite monies are encouraged to be used within 90 days. Funds may be lost if voucher is unused.
* When demand for services exceeds capacity, applicants are placed on a waiting list.

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