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## **AAA7 Receives Designation for Aging and Disability Resource Network**

Older adults and those with disabilities do not have to look very far when searching for help and assistance with long-term care options and resources; the Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. (AAA7) has been providing this helpful service to those in our district since 1972. Now, there is great news for the district as this helpful service is about to experience an enhancement through a designation the AAA7 recently received from the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA).

The designation as a fully-functioning Aging and Disability Resource Network, also known as an ADRN, means that the AAA7 will serve as a referral point for consumers, providing them with a comprehensive directory for a variety of services offered to residents in the AAA7's 10-county district which includes Ohio counties Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton. Through this designation, older adults and those with disabilities will experience an even greater level of resources through a number of community partners and collaborations organized by the AAA7.

Part of a nationwide concept, the ADRN collaborative effort is made possible through the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Together, the two groups designed an initiative to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, all persons with disabilities, family members, and care providers. The significance of the ADRN designation from the Ohio Department of Aging here locally is that the AAA7 is now recognized at the state level as the lead agency in our region to focus on the development of a network to meet the needs of individuals in our community. Currently, the AAA7 is making contact with a number of agencies, organizations and groups throughout its 10-county district to develop a comprehensive network of providers that have agreed to collaborate around the goal of simplifying the system for consumers. The goal is to develop an informed network that provides callers with reliable information on a variety of resources.

As a designated ADRN, the AAA7 is responsible for five core functions including: information, referral and awareness; options counseling, advice and assistance; streamlined eligibility determination for public programs; person-centered transition support; and quality assurance and continuous improvement. Through these core functions, the AAA7 is committed to their role as a trusted resource where community members of all ages, disabilities and income levels can turn for information and assistance with long-term living services and support options. The Agency's role is to make sure the community has reliable information in order to make the best decisions about their own personal needs for the present and future.

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Through the AAA7's Resource Network, callers can be offered a no-cost, in-home consultation from a certified Agency nurse or social worker to discuss long-term care alternatives and planning. Staff works with individuals and their families on options, resources and information regarding community and home-based long-term care. Regional collaborations and partnerships with a number of groups who support services and programs through the AAA7 are also an important feature of the ADRN. Through these partnerships, callers and consumers are provided with a number of options that best support their needs.

"What's so wonderful about this set-up is that consumers, their families, and those who provide consumers with service and support will be assisted with finding, applying to, and/or utilizing the services they need regardless of age, disability or ability to pay," says Pamela K. Matura, Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging District 7. "Anyone who needs help or assistance with long-term care choices and decisions can simply call our Agency. Through the Aging and Disability Resource Center, an individual can be linked to a number of helpful resources in our communities that are available to assist them."

To contact the AAA7's Aging and Disability Resource Center, simply call the Agency toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 (TTY 1-888-270-1550) and ask for the "Resource Center". Here, individuals can speak directly with a nurse or social worker who will assist them with information surrounding the programs and services that are available in their community to best serve their needs.

Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis in ten Ohio counties. These services are available to help older adults and those with disabilities live safely and independently in their own homes through services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration, other federal and state resources, as well as private pay.



# AREA AGENCY ON AGING DISTRICT 7, INC. TELEPHONE LISTING

**1-800-582-7277**

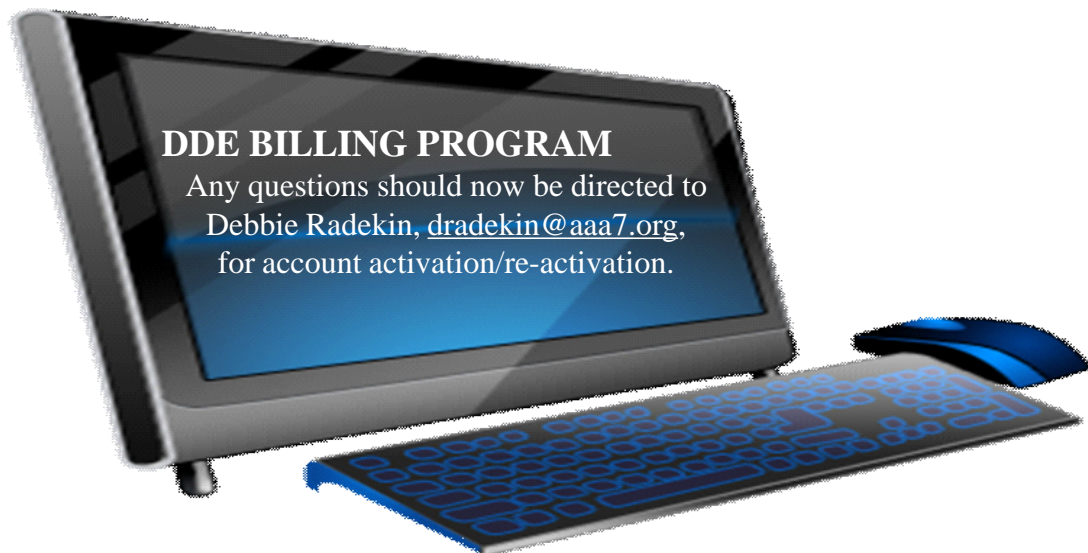
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April 6, 2011  
Sensitivity To Aging  
Contact Debbie Crawford, 1-800-582-7277

### Transportation Bid Process for PASSPORT Providers

*All PASSPORT Transportation providers should already be aware of the new bid process.*

1. The Case Manager completes Part 1 of the Transportation Service Bid Request form and sends the form to **ALL** Transportation providers in the county the Consumer resides in.
2. **If** the Provider can provide the transportation requested, the Provider will **call**(not fax) the Case Manager with your Agency Name, Caller Name, Consumer name, destination, date of trip, and bid amount by **12:00pm the next business day.** Incomplete bid information will not be considered.
3. The Case Manager will then choose the lowest/best bid that has been received by the deadline and call the chosen Provider to schedule.
4. The Case Manager then completes Part 2 of the Transportation Service Bid Request form and faxes to chosen provider.
5. The provider then can use the Transportation Service Bid Request form to complete the transportation service provided to the Consumer.



## **Do you know someone residing in a nursing facility who needs help to return to the community?**

**They need to know about the Home Choice program and recent changes contained in Health Care Reform legislation.**

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services initiated the Home Choice program in October 2008 after receiving a Money Follows the Person Demonstration grant from CMS. This program enables approximately 2,200 people currently residing in long-term care facilities to move to home and community-based settings. Originally the program was scheduled to end in 2011 but the recent health care reform legislation extends the program through 2016. Additionally, the length of time a person must reside in a nursing facility and receive Medicaid assistance has been decreased.

HOME Choice is available to individuals of any age. **To be eligible for HOME Choice, participants must:**

- Live in a nursing facility, intermediate care facility for developmental disabilities or hospital for at least 90 days;
- Have an institutional level of care;
- Be eligible for Medicaid for at least 1 day prior to discharge from an institutional setting;
- Relocate to a qualified residence such as a private home, apartment, family member's home, or small group home.

Those eligible may enroll on a state waiver program such as PASSPORT or the Ohio Homecare Waiver or receive State Plan Medicaid services.

Home Choice participants may receive community transition services (goods and services that will assist with a successful transition to the community) up to \$2,000 per person; independent living skills training; a community support coach; nursing; social work or counseling; nutritional consultation; communication aids; and service animals.

Transition coordination is the unique aspect of this program. Once individuals are in long-term care facilities, it is difficult for them to move back into the community because they usually do not have homes nor access to other services and supports necessary for daily living. Transition coordination will help them plan and arrange for services and supports they will need while relocating from an institution to a community, such as finding housing, coordinating benefits, and obtaining referrals to additional supports and services.

If you know of someone who could benefit from the Home Choice program, please call our Resource Department at 1-800-582-7277 for more information.

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the compassion to care, the leadership to conquer

**Greater Cincinnati Chapter**

**GALLIA COUNTY  
Alzheimer's/Dementia  
Family Caregiver Support Group**

This is a peer support group for family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

The group provides an opportunity to discuss caregiving challenges and share helpful tips, while receiving support from others who are in similar situations.

**Serving families in Gallipolis and surrounding areas**

- DATE:** Third Thursday of each month
- TIME:** 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Holzer Medical Center  
Ground Floor, Conference Rooms A,B,C  
100 Jackson Pike  
Gallipolis, OH 45631
- FACILITATOR:** Melissa Dever, BSW, LSW  
(740) 710-1821

\* Holzer Long-Term Care/Homecare Division offers supervised care of individuals with dementia during the meeting, but arrangements must be made in advance. Call Amber Johnson at (740) 441-3406 to make a reservation.

Refreshments will be available

This Support Group is sponsored by:

Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati  
644 Linn Street, Suite 1026  
Cincinnati, OH 45203  
(513) 721-4284 or 1-800-272-3900 (24-hour Helpline)  
[www.alz.org/cincinnati](http://www.alz.org/cincinnati)



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Department of Aging through the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and the Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. All services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry.

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**Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is not affiliated with the Veterans Administration (VA)**

**Subject: Warning to Veterans issued Nov 27, 2010**

December 3rd, 2010

WARNING TO VETERANS - Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.

<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty  
Staff Attorney  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of General Counsel (022G2)

## UPCOMING DENTAL CLINICS

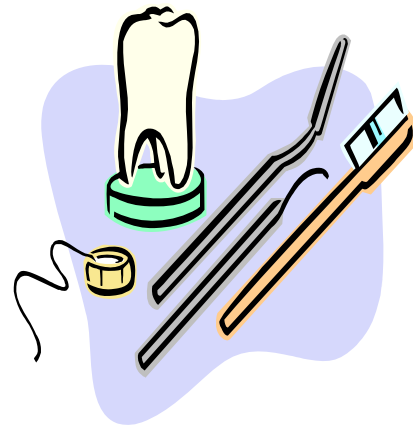
If you know of someone that needs dental work done, they need to call and have their name put on the schedule.

January 1, 2011

Adams Co. SC - 937-544-3979

January 24, 2011

Adams Co. SC - 937-544-3979



## **Gallia Co. Sheriff: Beware of Phone Scams**

*by Amber Gillenwater*

GALLIPOLIS — Officials with Gallia County Sheriff's Office have recently received several reports of attempted phone scams that have occurred throughout the county and sheriff's office officials are now warning residents to be wary of any suspicious phone calls.

According to Gallia County Sheriff Joe Browning, the calls have been mainly directed toward elderly individuals and involve the caller posing as a relative and asking for personal information. Frequently, the caller poses as a relative in distress who is in an emergency situation and needs money to remedy the situation.

The latest reported incident, which occurred Tuesday morning, involved a male caller advising an elderly Gallia County woman that he was her grandson and needed her bank account number due to a recent car accident he had been involved in. The woman did not recognize the voice as that of her grandson, hung up the phone and reported the information to the sheriff's office.

Browning reported that his agency receives reports of similar schemes regularly and he advises all residents to be cautious of suspicious phone calls and to never give out personal information to individuals they do not recognize over the phone.

The most recent warning about statewide phone-related scams was issued by the office of Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray on Aug. 30. This scam involved the use of telephone relay systems by scammers contacting small businesses. Telephone relay systems are used widely by deaf individuals and, reportedly, the scammers would feign to be deaf, contact small businesses communicating through written typed messages.

Often, the scammers would place orders at various businesses and use forged checks or stolen credit cards and then cancel the check or credit card transaction and ask for a refund. The business, believing the money to be in their account, would refund the money and the bank would later deny the transaction, forcing the business to foot the bill.

To report a phone scam incident, contact the sheriff's office at 446-1221. To leave anonymous information about phone scams or any other criminal activity, call the sheriff's office tip-line at 446-6555. For more information about statewide scams, visit the attorney general's website at [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov).



# **Are You a Current Medicare Recipient?? The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Discount May Help You!**

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**LIS (Low Income Subsidy) or “Extra Help” is a discount plan that can:**

- Lower your prescription co-pays
- Cover all or part of your Medicare Part D monthly premiums
- Eliminate the “doughnut hole” of coverage for your medications

## **Asset and Income Guidelines for Qualification**

Single - *Monthly income of \$1,353.75 or less with assets less than \$12,510*  
Married - *Monthly income of \$1,821.25 or less with assets less than \$25,010*

**If you would like to find out if you are eligible for “extra help” with your Medicare Part D coverage, we can help!!**

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to speak with a representative who can assist you with determining whether you are eligible. If so, we can assist you with applying over the phone...or send you a paper application in the mail. You can also log on to [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org) to complete the application online.



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Owner/CEO \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator \_\_\_\_\_

DON \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Development \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduler \_\_\_\_\_

Business manager \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Any agency changes must be reported to the PAA Quality Assurance department. This includes administrative staff, contact person for referrals, supervisory RN, agency location or mailing address, phone or fax numbers, as well as ownership changes. Written notification should be sent to Debbie Radekin, QA Dept., F-32 URG, P. O. Box 500, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674.

**Seniors or caregivers who would like information about long term care options should be referred to The Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. at 1-800-582-7277.**

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