CareSource to Partner with Southeast Ohio Area Agencies on Aging

Home Care Waiver Program to Help Residents with Disabilities

DAYTON - CareSource, a nonprofit Ohio-based health plan, will manage the Ohio Home Care Waiver program in Southeast Ohio. Beginning in January 2014, the Ohio Department of Medicaid contracted with CareSource to provide case management services for the Marietta region of the Ohio Home Care and Transitions Carve-Out Waivers.

The Ohio Home Care Waiver Program provides cost-effective home and community-based services and supports for individuals who meet a nursing facility level of care, enabling them to remain in a community setting.

Services include: personal care services, out-of-home respite, nursing services, short-term relief, emergency response, supplemental transportation systems, adaptive/assistive devices, home-delivered meals, home modifications, adult day health services, and vehicle modifications.

To provide the most effective coordination for these services, CareSource has partnered with the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) in Southeast Ohio (Districts 7, 8 and 9). The Southeast Ohio AAAs have extensive experience in coordinating waiver and community-based care and services, and have partnered with CareSource to ensure the highest quality of care is provided. Individual Case Managers from the local Area Agencies on Aging will be assigned to coordinate services for individuals on the waiver within their service area.

“We welcome this opportunity to expand our mission to serve new and underserved populations in Ohio, and make a difference in the lives of people who need it most by improving their health care,” Anthony Evans, Vice President for Integrated Health Services at CareSource, said.

“After 42 years of continued existence, our Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging welcomes this new partnership with CareSource. Through this partnership, we are committed to helping a new group of southern Ohioans of all ages with accompanying disabilities manage their care
needs and access the services they need to live independently in the community,” said Pamela K. Matura, Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging District 7.

CareSource, a nonprofit health plan, is celebrating 25 years as one of the nation’s largest Managed Medicaid Plans. Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, CareSource serves more than 1 million consumers in Ohio and Kentucky. CareSource is living its mission to provide health care to those who need it most.

Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis. 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, other federal and state resources, as well as private pay. The AAA7’s Resource Center is also available to anyone in the community looking for information or assistance with long-term care options. Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, the Resource Center is a valuable contact for learning more about options and what programs and services are available for assistance. The AAA7 serves ten counties in southern Ohio including Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton.

Those interested in learning more can call toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 (TTY: 711). 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 to best serve their needs. The Agency also offers an in-home assessment at no cost for those who are interested in learning more. Information is also available on www.aaa7.org, or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at info@aaa7.org. The Agency also has a Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7.

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