

### PROGRAM EVALUATION OF PASSPORT: OHIO'S HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED MEDICAID WAIVER **COST NEUTRALITY**



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#### Purpose:

The goals of this component of the evaluation are to determine whether, on average, the total Medicaid costs for PASSPORT consumers are less than the total Medicaid costs for nursing facility residents age 60 and over, and to compare the average total public cost of maintaining PASSPORT consumers in the community with the public cost of caring for nursing facility residents.

#### Methods:

The PASSPORT program provides services for individuals age 60 and older who have a need for a nursing home level of care but are able to remain at home. Nursing homes, on the other hand, provide care for two distinct groups of residents: individuals with functional disability who need help with basic daily activities for a long period of time, and individuals with complicated acute health conditions who need extensive care for a short period of time. To compare individuals with similar needs, this study selected nursing home residents and PASSPORT consumers who were receiving Medicaid paid care for at least one year. In total, we studied the Medicaid expenditure patterns of 12,177 PASSPORT consumers and 6,029 nursing home residents.

The PASSPORT consumer assessment information was provided by Ohio Department of Aging; nursing home assessment information came from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid via Ohio Department of Health. The Medicaid expenditure data came from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).

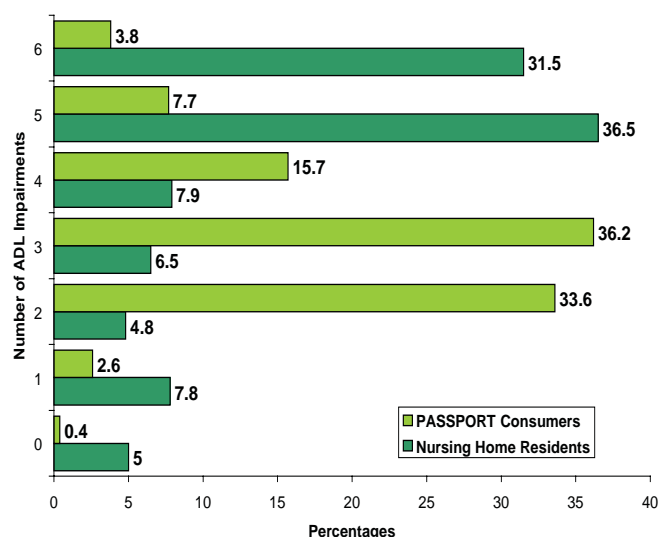
Information about all other public assistance (such as housing assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Home Energy Assistance (HEAP), and other smaller programs) came from PASSPORT consumers, Ohio Metropolitan Housing Authorities, Bureau of Medicaid, ODJFS, the Ohio Department of Development, and Area Agencies on Aging.

Although Medicare plays a major role in the care of these two populations by paying for their hospital, physician, and medical equipment utilization, we could not compare the Medicare expenditures of these two populations because we did not have access to Medicare data.

#### How do long-stay nursing home residents & PASSPORT consumers differ?

Nursing home residents, age 60 and older, are, on average, older, more likely to be male, White, and unmarried compared to PASSPORT consumers. Furthermore, nursing home residents are more impaired in activities of daily living and are more likely to be cognitively impaired. But because of the way the Medicaid program in Ohio reimburses nursing homes, a cost comparison of equally impaired residents in nursing homes and PASSPORT was not possible.

Proportion of Nursing Home Residents and PASSPORT Consumers by Number of ADL Impairments

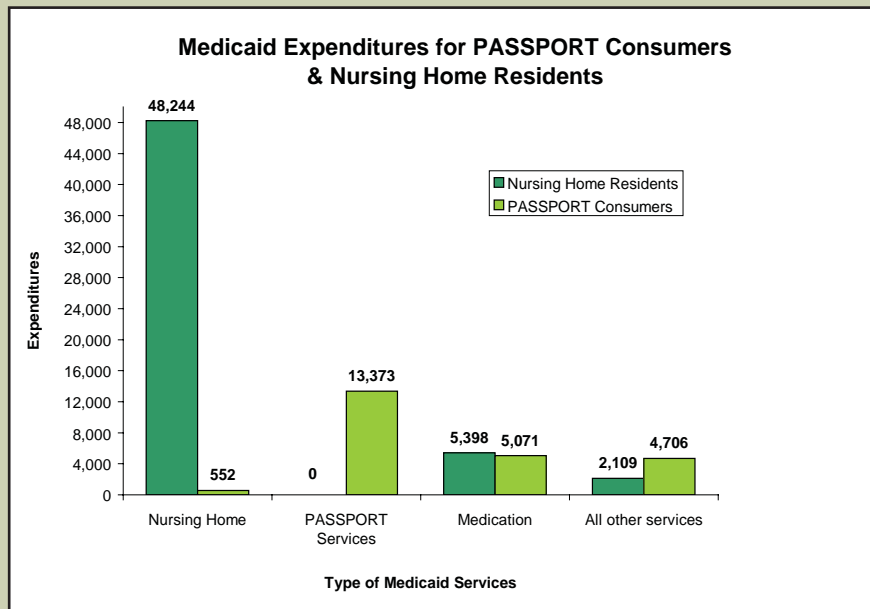




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### Findings:

On average, it is more than twice as expensive for Medicaid to care for a person in a nursing home as it is to care for a person in the community with PASSPORT services (\$55,751 versus \$23,702, respectively). On average, the value of all non-Medicaid public assistance that PASSPORT consumers received was \$2,830 a year. Nursing home residents do not receive any non-Medicaid public assistance except for those on Supplemental Security Income (SSI), whose \$40 personal needs allowance comes from SSI and is funded by general tax revenues. These figures include long-term care costs, hospital costs, medications, and medical equipment. The chart below summarized the major categories of costs.



Non-Medicaid Services For PASSPORT Consumers		
	% Receiving Assistance	Per-Person Per-Month Cost (\$)
Medicare (for age 65 and older)		
Supplemental Security Income	33	109
Food Stamps	42	21
Housing Assistance	34	103
Home Energy Assistance Program	8	1
Housing Trust Fund for home repair	2	2
Total		236

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