

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



### CONSUMER ELIGIBILITY

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#### **Purpose:**

The goal of this component of the evaluation is to determine whether PASSPORT consumers meet the financial and level-of-care eligibility requirements for participation in the Medicaid waiver program.

#### **Methods:**

To determine whether PASSPORT consumers are eligible for the care that they are receiving, all 26,079 consumers who received services between 10/1/04 and 9/30/05 were evaluated against the four level-of-care eligibility requirements listed below. Additionally, a random sample of these consumers were tested for financial eligibility.

Data for the level-of-care evaluation came from the PASSPORT Information Management System (PIMS) from the Ohio Department of Aging; data for financial eligibility came from CRIS-E, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' eligibility, enrollment, and case management system.

#### **PASSPORT eligibility requirements:**

Ohio residents age 60 or older who meet one of the following criteria can remain in the community and receive home care services.

- (1) Requires hands-on assistance with at least two activities of daily living (ADL) tasks;
- (2) Needs hands-on assistance with at least one ADL and help of another person to administer medication;
- (3) Needs 24-hour-per-day supervision from another person to prevent harm to self or others;
- (4) Has an unstable medical condition and requires skilled nursing or rehabilitation services.

In addition, PASSPORT consumers must meet financial eligibility requirements. During the study period, those specific criteria were:

- (1) A monthly income of \$1,692 or less; and
- (2) Liquid asset amounts not exceeding \$1,500.

#### **Fast Facts about PASSPORT consumers:**

- More than three fourths (79%) of PASSPORT consumers are female.
- 74% are White.
- 81% are not married (they are widowed, divorced, separated, or never married).
- 96% have two or more ADL impairments.
- 9% need 24-hour supervision; 19% need assistance with the administration of medications.



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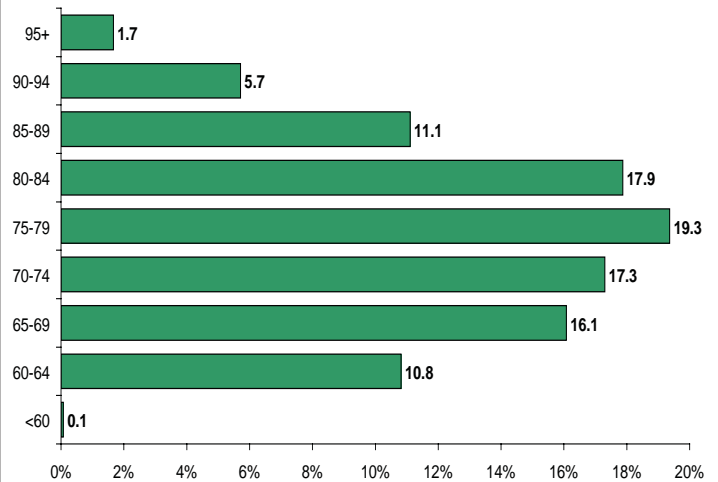
## Findings:

- Almost all (99.4%) of PASSPORT consumers met functional eligibility criteria for PASSPORT.
- All were age 60 or older, except for a few who were a few days short of 60.
- Annual PASSPORT services cost an average of \$14,504 per consumer, which is well under the waiver requirement that home care cost no more than 60% (\$29,345) of the average annual nursing home cost (\$48,906).
- All PASSPORT consumers in the sample met both income and asset requirements for financial eligibility.

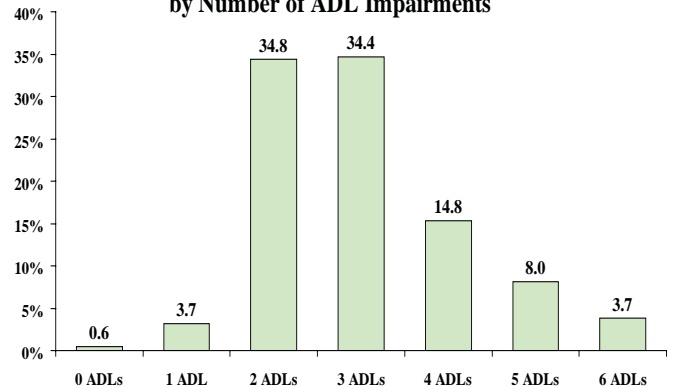
Furthermore, we found that:

- The most common source of income for PASSPORT consumers was Social Security with an average monthly amount of \$683.
- 14.5% of PASSPORT consumers had Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as their only source of income. The average monthly income for these consumers was \$492.
- The average total monthly income of the PASSPORT consumers in the sample was \$719, compared to the allowable income of \$1,692.
- Only 69% of the consumers had any liquid assets; the average PASSPORT consumers' countable asset value was \$434.

**Age Distribution of PASSPORT Consumers**



**Proportion of PASSPORT Consumers by Number of ADL Impairments**



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