



Core Plus Benefit Package

The Core Plus Benefit Package is a cost-capped program designed for people who need more than 14 hours per week of daily living and/or nursing services in the home and community as described below. Core Plus provides the same *Core Services* as the Core Benefit Package but in a greater amount.

CORE SERVICES

- T Nursing** services provided by a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) under the supervision of an RN, examples: G-tube feeding, medication administration, and wound care
- T Daily Living** help with activities of daily living provided by a home health aide or personal attendant, examples: bathing, dressing, grooming, and help with transferring
- T Skilled Therapies** Services delivered by a licensed therapist: occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech & hearing therapy

Note: These *Core Services* are available to consumers participating in all Ohio Home Care benefit packages.

HOW TO GET SERVICES

To receive services under the Core Plus Benefit Package you need:

- A Medicaid card (available through your county department of job and family services)
- A doctor's orders for the needed service/s.

Also, you must contact the home services facilitation agency for your area of the state.

Someone from the agency will visit you to gather information about you and your needs. If the agency recommends that you be enrolled on the Core Plus Benefit Package and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Bureau of Home and Community Services agrees, a *home services facilitator* (case manager) will be assigned to help you plan for and receive the services you need.

OTHER CORE PLUS FEATURES

- A *cost range* will be assigned to you based on the dollar amount of services your home services facilitator determines will meet your needs. The cost of services cannot exceed the upper end of the cost range without approval.



Other Core Plus Features, continued

- Your home services facilitator will work with you and everyone involved in your care to write and maintain an *All Services Plan*. This plan will authorize home health agencies, independent nurses, and others who have a Medicaid provider contract to provide you with needed care and services. Your home services facilitator will help you locate service providers and work with you as long as you need care.
- Your home services facilitator will call or visit you regularly, and conduct a reassessment of your eligibility and service needs at least once a year.
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) staff may visit you to make sure you are receiving quality care.

For more information, visit the Ohio Home Care website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/ohc>.