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## Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program

The mission of the ALS of Michigan Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program is to provide caregiver support to pALS (people with ALS). ALS often causes impairments in the ability to perform activities of daily living, thereby making caregiver support a necessity for many pALS. However, pALS and their families often lack the resources to obtain this support. The Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program is designed to provide pALS and their families with financial support for professional caregiver services.

### Program Information

- Contact the Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program Coordinator (248-354-6100 x224) to inquire about the Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program
- The Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program pays for up to 20 hours a calendar month for care at a rate of \$25 an hour; **pALS are responsible for paying the home care agency for all care costs that exceed 20 hours a calendar month or that exceed \$25 an hour**
- **The allotted 20 hours per calendar month cannot be carried over from month to month**
- pALS identify a qualified (see below) professional agency to provide care; the Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program Coordinator may provide a list of home care agencies, but ALS of Michigan does not endorse any particular agency
- Prior to the start of services, the Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program Coordinator will contact the agency chosen by pALS, explain the program, and determine whether the agency meets the program requirements
- Home care services for pALS must start within 14 days of the authorization start date; also, if services are discontinued for 30 or more consecutive days pALS **must** notify the respite coordinator
- pALS are responsible for scheduling with the home care agency
- **The home care agency bills ALS of Michigan for services provided; after the services provided are verified with the pALS or pALS' family, the Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program will pay the home care agency directly**
- The Respite In-Home Care Program is not available to pALS in nursing homes or residential hospice

### Home Care Agency Qualifications

Home Care agencies must conduct criminal background checks on their caregivers and provide ALS of Michigan with the following documentation:

- a certificate of workers compensation
- a certificate of employer's liability
- W-9

**The availability of the Respite In-Home Care Assistance Program is dependent on funding**