

Maryland Attendant Care *Plus*

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The Attendant Care Plus Program is a state-funded program within the MD Department of Disabilities that provides financial reimbursement to people between the ages of 18 and 64 (at the time of enrollment) who have severe chronic or severe physical disabilities who pay out of pocket for attendant care services and ongoing additional supports.

DO I QUALIFY?

To qualify for the Program, applicants must be Maryland residents and meet one of the following criteria:

- Be self-employed or competitively employed with compensation;
- Be actively seeking employment;
- Be attending an institution of post secondary, higher education, or apprenticeship training program;
- Be a resident of a nursing facility or similar institution who is seeking to transition into the community;^[1]
- Be at risk of placement in a nursing home, as certified by the attending physician, if attendant care services are not received in the community.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The Program offers partial financial reimbursement on a sliding scale based on income and household size. Eligible participants receive an annual budget for the state fiscal year (July 1–June 30), available in full at the start of July. Reimbursement requests are submitted monthly. Unused funds do not carry over, and once a budget is spent, no further reimbursements are allowed until eligibility is renewed for the next fiscal year.





WHAT SERVICES CAN I BE REIMBURSED FOR?

Attendant care services that are provided in the home, school, workplace, or other community locations. Attendant care services can be provided by an agency the participant hires or a friend, neighbor, or relative of the participant. *The attendant cannot be the participant's spouse or the participant's representative payee.

Qualifying ongoing additional supports. These include: transportation expenses to and from doctor appointments and work or school, assistive technology, durable medical equipment (including costs for repairing equipment), expenses related to supporting a service animal^[1] and home modifications that aren't covered by another program.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Interested applicants must first register a OneStop account. In order to create your account, you will need to provide your first and last name as well as an email address you can verify.

Once your account is created, return to the home screen and select "Maryland Department of Disabilities". You must complete the short application for your name to be placed on the registry for the ACP program.

As space becomes available on the waiting list, you will receive a link by email to complete the full application.

Information Contact:

For more information, visit the Maryland Department of Disabilities website at **mdod.maryland.gov** or email ACP staff at **mdod.acp@maryland.gov**.

