
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, JANUARY
25, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1234, No.204),
2 entitled "An act establishing a program to assist persons who
3 bear primary responsibility for the at-home care of
4 functionally dependent older adults and victims of chronic
5 dementia," further providing for reimbursements.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of December 19, 1990
9 (P.L.1234, No.204), known as the Family Caregiver Support Act,
10 is amended to read:

11 Section 5. Reimbursements.

12 (a) General rule.--The department through contracts with
13 area agencies on aging shall provide the services described in
14 section 4(c)(1) and shall reimburse qualified primary caregivers
15 for purchase of approved services described in section 4(c)(2)
16 and (3).

1 (b) Maximum amounts.--

2 (1) The maximum amount available to a qualified
3 caregiver whose household income is under 200% of poverty
4 level shall be established by regulation, but shall not
5 exceed [\$200] \$600 per month, for out-of-pocket expenses
6 incurred for services described in section 4(c)(2).

7 (2) The maximum amount available to a qualified
8 caregiver whose household income is under 200% of poverty
9 level shall be established by regulation, but shall not
10 exceed [\$2,000] \$6,000 for the entire duration of the case,
11 for expenses incurred for home modifications or assistive
12 devices as described in section 4(c)(3).

13 (c) Scale of benefits.--A sliding benefits scale shall be
14 established by the department by regulation to ensure that
15 caregivers who qualify under this act and whose household income
16 exceeds 200% of poverty level shall pay some portion of the out-
17 of-pocket expenses for services described in section 4(c). In no
18 event will caregivers whose household income exceeds 380% of the
19 poverty level be considered eligible for benefits under this
20 act.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.