



Missaukee County Commission on Aging

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Service: Respite Care

Service Definition: Companionship, supervision and/or assistance with daily living for persons with mental or physical disabilities and frail elderly persons in the absence of the primary caregiver(s).

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Attendant care – companionship, supervision and/or assistance with toileting, eating and ambulation.
- Basic care – assistance with normal acts of daily living, routine exercise regimen and assistance with self-medication as instructed by Director of Client Services (RN).
- Respite care may also include homemaking, meal preparation and personal care services (i.e. Bathing, grooming, dressing, hair and mouth care).
- Social care (i.e. Play games/cards, read to them, walking/exercising).

Client Service Providers (CSP) also observe, report and record any change in client's condition and home environment. All changes are to be reported to the Director of Client Services or Executive Director.

Respite Care limitations:

- The COA will not do 4 hours of homemaking during Respite Care.
- COA Respite Care does not include transportation.
- The CSP will not care for pets or minor children during the visit.
- The CSP is not responsible for manually lifting a client from a fall. The CSP will either call the DCS for instruction, or 911.

*The COA does not guarantee a specific day or time for services to be completed. The CSP will accommodate schedule requests as best as possible.

*If a client is consistently not home for their scheduled visit, nor do they notify the COA to cancel, the COA may discontinue services.