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Michigan Chapter Respite Care Assistance (RCA) Program

What is respite care?

Respite provides relief to persons who are caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Time away from caregiving responsibilities is essential to the well-being of caregivers. Respite care helps to reduce stress and improve the quality of care provided by caregivers.

Who provides respite care?

Respite care can be provided in the home by a family member, home health care agency or a trained volunteer. Respite care can also be provided outside the home at adult day programs or long term care communities that provide overnight or weekly respite.

What are the eligibility requirements for the RCA Program?

- Person must have a diagnosis of dementia and cannot be residing full-time in a long term care community
- The caregiver can receive one \$2000 RCA scholarship per calendar year
- The caregiver or person living with dementia must live in one of the eligible counties

How does the program work? What can I use it for?

\$2000 scholarship to be used to help pay for respite services. Respite services include day programs, in-home care, and overnight respite care. You can hire a family member, friend, or an agency to provide this service.

The program works as a reimbursement program. Once awarded a scholarship, you have six months to use it. You will be provided with receipt forms which you must use. As the services are used and paid for, you will submit the receipt forms to the Alzheimer's Association for reimbursement. Reimbursement can take up to 60 days. Funds can only be reimbursed up to the awarded amount.

How do I apply?

The application process requires 3 items:

- Completed Respite Care Assistance Application (enclosed)
- Completed W-9 IRS Tax Form and signature on Payee Form (enclosed)
 - Please note, you do not need to claim the money for this scholarship on your taxes
 - We can reimburse you with a check or direct deposit (please complete Electronic Payment Information on Payee Form if requesting direct deposit)

Application process:

- Step 1: Complete the application, tax form, and payee form and submit via mail, email, or fax (see below)
- Step 2: You will receive an award letter via postal mail explaining the next steps, as well as blank receipt forms
- Step 3: Send in the completed receipt forms to the Association office
 - You can expect to be reimbursed between 30-60 days after we receive your receipts

Please Mail, Email or Fax the 3 items to:

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