

# Financial Assistance for Assisted Living

## at St. Augustine Towers

Assisted Living promotes aging in place by supporting a person's desire for independence, choice and privacy. The services provided help to preserve and maintain the independence of the individual as well as maintain ties to their families, friends and communities.

### Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefit

The Veterans' Administration offers a Special Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefit that is largely unknown. Aid and Attendance can help pay for care in the home, nursing home or **assisted living facility**.

This Special Pension allows for eligible Veterans and surviving spouses who need:

- ✓ assisted living care
- ✓ regular assistance in eating, bathing, toileting, grooming
- ✓ assistance due to blindness or physical or mental incapacity

to receive additional monetary benefits.

A Veteran may be eligible for up to \$1,554 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$998 per month. A couple may be eligible for up to \$1,842 per month\*. Increase each year for cost of living.

Qualifications include:

- ✓ Veterans must have served 1 day during an active war and had no less than a 90 day service.
- ✓ Surviving spouses must have been married to the veteran when they passed to receive the benefit.
- ✓ You must have a doctors order certifying you need daily assistance.
- ✓ You must have received an honorable discharge or general discharge.
- ✓ You can choose where you want to live as long as it is a licensed facility

Please call us or the VA direct @ 800-827-1000.

### The Assisted Living Waiver Program

This program is a statewide, government -funded program that allows eligible individuals to reside in and receive services from a licensed Assisted Living facility. A case manager works with the consumer and the facility to develop and maintain a care plan that fits the individual and meets each of their needs.

**Assisted living services** include personal care, housekeeping, laundry, assistance with medication management, meals, non-medical transportation, social and recreational programming and 24-hour on-site staff availability to assist with unplanned needs.

To participate in the Assisted Living Waiver program, you must be one of the following:

- ✓ A current nursing facility resident
- ✓ A resident of an Ohio licensed residential care facility for at least six months; or
- ✓ A consumer enrolled in PASSPORT/CHOICES or the Ohio Home Care waiver.

You also must meet all eligibility requirements including:

- ✓ You are age 21 or older;
- ✓ You are Medicaid eligible;
- ✓ The St. Augustine Towers Residency Criteria
- ✓ You require hands-on assistance with at least two of the following: mobility, bathing, using the bathroom, dressing, grooming, eating and taking medicines; and
- ✓ You have care needs that can be safely met in a residential care facility setting

For additional information on the Assisted Living Waiver Program, contact:

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