



RESPITE REBATE PROGRAM

Quick Answer Sheet

Who is eligible? Family caregivers over the age of 18 who are living full-time with their care recipient and not receiving complimentary respite from any local, state, or federally-funded program.

Care recipients must fall into one of four categories:

1. At least 60 years old, **or** has
2. Alzheimer's or other related dementia, **or**
3. Disabled and between the ages of 18 – 59 years of age, **or**
4. Children between the ages of birth – 19 years of age being cared for by a kinship individual (not parent) over the age of 55.

Is the program only for family members? The caregiver does not have to be related to the care recipient in anyway. The term “family” is used purely to distinguish those who are compensated for caregiving services and those who are not.

Is this for Maricopa County only? The Respite Rebate Program is a statewide initiative so any family caregiver residing in Arizona is encouraged to apply.

What type of identification is necessary? Social security numbers are required from the family caregiver and care recipient. Government issued photo ID is required from the family caregiver.

How much can a family caregiver receive for respite on this program? Qualified caregivers who complete the application process are issued rebate vouchers worth up to \$300. Family caregivers can apply twice to the program, dependent on funding availability and program parameters.

How does the Respite Rebate Program work? Family caregivers can use the rebate vouchers to recover costs for in-home care by a respite service or to hire an individual of their choice who is at least 18 years old and not living in the same house as the caregiver and care recipient. The Respite Rebate Program can also be used to offset the costs for care in a community-based respite service -- adult day health program.

Does the family caregiver pay for respite and then wait for reimbursement? Yes, family caregivers must procure service and pay for it. The Arizona Caregiver Coalition reimburses family caregivers \$12 an hour for 25 hours (\$300) after they submit the rebate voucher(s). (It may take up to 8 weeks to receive a check.) Family caregivers are responsible for any fees that exceed \$12 an hour.

Why does this program exist? The State of Arizona recognizes the value in family caregivers taking a break/respite. Respite is important to ensure the health and wellbeing of the entire family.