

We Care, Inc. - Caregiver Consultant Services
Sharing in the Cost

Why do we ask participants to share in the cost of this service?

The number of older adults needing help is growing and public resources used to pay for this help are diminishing. To help sustain service for a growing aging population caregiver support programs funded by federal Older Americans Act funds are asked by the Minnesota Board on Aging to share costs with families who can afford to pay for the services.

What is the fee for the services of the Caregiver Consultant?

The initial contact for Caregiver Consultant Services is free and thereafter we ask persons using the service to pay an annual fee of \$100 – or a portion of this fee based on the care receiver's monthly gross income and household size using the sliding fee scale shown below. Individual assets, property or savings are not considered when determining fees.

The cost sharing fee is not required if the care receivers monthly gross income is at or below the federal poverty line (see scale below). In that case, the family will be given the opportunity to make an affordable voluntary contribution to the program. Fees may be waived for hardship situations (high medical or living expenses.)

How do I learn about the details of cost sharing ?

We Care's Consultant will inform families verbally and in writing of the sliding fee scale policy and our process for collecting co-payments. We Care will also send a payment reminder 1 time per year, but will not carry forward balances due from one period to the next.

What if I don't pay?

Persons who choose not to pay specified fees based on the sliding fee scale will not be denied service for unwillingness or inability to pay. If a participant does not want to pay the full \$100.00 for the year, We Care, Inc. offers the option of paying \$30.00 per hour for consultant services.

Sliding Fee Scale

Fee as a Percent of Cost of Service	Percent of 2012 Poverty Guidelines	Monthly Income of Care Receiver Living in a One Person 60+Household or in a Multiple Non-spousal Household	Monthly Income of Care Receiver Living in a Two Person Spousal Household (At least One is 60+)	Caregiver Consultant Services Fee – Based on Full Price of \$100.00 per Year
0	100% of Poverty Level	\$931 or Less	\$1,261	Voluntary Contribution
10 %	101-150%	\$932 - \$1,396	\$1,262 - \$1,891	\$10.00/Year
25 %	151-200%	\$1,397 - \$1,862	\$1,892 - \$2,522	\$25.00/Year
50 %	201- 250%	\$1,863 - \$2,327	\$2,523 - \$3,152	\$50.00/Year
100 %	250 % +	\$2,328 +	\$3,153+	\$100.00/Year

Remember – No one will be denied service based on inability or unwillingness to pay.