

Jasper County policy for Homemaker/Home Care Aide reimbursement

Jasper County funds may be used to fill in the gaps of service for homemaker or home care aide services in Jasper County, Iowa to permanent residents. The funds should not be used to replace other funding sources, support systems such as family members, friends, or other providers. Jasper County maintains funds for the provision of home care aide and homemaker services in Jasper County, Iowa which will be for those over the age 60 years old. The objective of this funding is to prevent or delay the inappropriate institutionalization of individuals and use of funds is limited to activities that support and accomplish this objective. Client must have medical need and unable to perform services independently as determined by a home care agency.

Specific services for which these funds can be used include:

- Assistance with bathing and personal care
- Homemaker for essential grocery shopping, cleaning, and laundry

Jasper County shall be the funder of last resort. Jasper County shall not be billed for services eligible for third-party reimbursement, (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, Waivers, other home care providers such as Progress Industries, Optima, and Capstone, private insurance, approved Iowa waivers, or other federal or state funds) or for the provider cost above the allowed reimbursement from the third-party payer. Providers shall review all funding options available before utilizing Jasper County funding for approved activities. If clients are eligible for Medicaid or waiver and choose not to apply, funds will not be provided. Those over 65 years old must apply for the Elderly Waiver or services will not be provided until applied for Waiver. Funding may be provided while waiting for Waiver approval. Funds are limited and no funding is guaranteed. All home care agencies must fill out paperwork with the Jasper County Auditor’s Office prior to payment.

Income guidelines – at or below 133% current Federal Poverty Level

Based on 2020 poverty guidelines

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| Person in household | 133% of poverty |
| 1 | \$16971 |
| 2 | \$22929 |
| 3 | \$28888 |
| 4 | \$34846 |

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

Liquid Resources- less than \$2000 in resources

Maximum Reimbursement: Home Care Aide/Homemaker- limited to \$30/hour for a maximum of 1.5 hours a week of direct services hours with the client present in the home. No mileage will be reimbursed.

Home Care Agencies may be reimbursed for direct patient services with a pre-approval from the Jasper County Health Department. Invoices should be submitted by the 10th of the month for the prior month’s services detailing number of hours of service and total dollar amount requested. Invoices can be mailed to Jasper County Health Department Attn: Homemaker/Home Care Aide fund, 116 W 4th St S, Newton, Iowa or emailed to mgary@jasperia.org

Funds- Jasper County Homemaker or Home Care Aide starting 10/10/2020

No claims will be paid after 90 days.

Jasper County is released from all liability related to homemaker and home care aide services.

**Jasper County Application for
Homemaker/Home Care Aide Assistance Program**

Home Care Provider: _____
Address: _____
Agency contact person: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Client Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Client Address: _____

Estimated length of time you will provide services: (limited to 1.5 hours a week)

Date to start: _____ - valid for 12 months.

What is the client's medical need for services? _____

Does the client have any other services in the home? _____

Does the client live alone? Yes or No If no, who lives in the home? _____

Do they have friends or family that can provide the services? _____

Has the client applied for Medicaid waiver? Yes or No If no, must apply before approval.

Services needed and you plan to provide: Check all the apply

- Assistance with bathing and personal care
- Essential grocery shopping or ordering
- Essential cleaning
- Essential laundry

I certify the above client is a Jasper County resident and our agency has reviewed all other possible funding options to provide services for this client. I have read and understand the guidelines regarding billing and reimbursement rates. Jasper County is released from all liability related to homemaker and home care aide services.

Signature of Home Care Provider

Date

Print Name