

Como Park Living at Home Block Nurse Program 2015 Sliding Fee Scale for Cost Sharing of Program Services

2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines	Monthly Income for Person Aged 65+	Monthly Income for Person Aged 65+ with additional household member.	Recommended Cost Share Transportation <u>Actual Cost \$20 per two-way ride</u>	Recommended Cost Share In-Home Exercise <u>Actual Cost \$50.00 per 12 week session (20 minute weekly exercise, add this cost to volunteer companion care if you receive integrated service)</u>	Recommended Cost Share Volunteer Companion Care <u>Actual Cost \$24.31 per hour</u>	Recommended Cost Share Homemaker Support <u>Actual Cost \$32.00</u>
Less than 100%	Under \$981	Under \$1,328	Contribution	Contribution	Contribution	Contribution
100% to 150%	\$981 - \$1471	\$1,328 - \$1,991	\$2.00	\$12 per 12 –week session	\$35 annually	\$15 per hr.
150% to 200%	\$1,472 - \$1,962	\$1,992 - \$2,655	\$4.00	\$16 per 12-week session	\$40 annually	\$18 per hr.
200% and 250%	\$1,962 +	\$2,655 +	\$5.00	\$18 per 12-week session	\$60 annually	\$22 per hr.
Greater than 250%	\$	\$	\$7.00	\$25 per 12-week session	\$120 annually	\$25 per hr.

Recommended Cost Sharing Policy

Why do we need cost sharing? In order for our organization to be eligible for Federal and State funding, we need to implement a cost sharing policy. Although our volunteers donate their time generously, we still have fixed costs to continue our program such as, personnel, telephones, office supplies, and insurance. By 2020 Ramsey County will see a 25% increase in 65 or older residents. In order to sustain service organizations to meet the increase in requested service, organizations will ask those who can afford to pay for service to purchase a portion of the actual cost of the service they request. The cost sharing fee is based on the confidential declaration of income with **no requirement for verification**. The cost sharing fee is not required if the participant's monthly gross income is at or below the federal poverty line (see scale above). Participants will be given the opportunity to make an **affordable voluntary contribution called cost sharing**.

What if I cannot afford the sliding fee scale suggestion? The Como Park Living Home Block Nurse Program will never deny participants who are unable or unwilling to pay specified fees based on the sliding scale service.

How do I learn about this? Como Park Living at Home Block Nurse Program staff will inform participants verbally and in writing of the sliding fee scale policy for services if they apply to the participant.

