

In-Home Personal Care for Memory Loss & Dementia



WHAT IS IT?

- Care provided in an individual's home to help them with daily tasks. Services provided may include help with chores, preparing meals, and assistance with getting dressed or bathing/showering.
- In-home personal care or private duty care is different than home health care in the fact that it does not require a doctor's prescription or order.

WHEN IS IT NEEDED AND HOW TO GET STARTED?

- When care needs become too much to maintain on your own.
- A paid caregiver can also provide a much-needed break for the loved one who is the primary caregiver.
- The amount of care needed and provided can vary greatly and be customized to the individual.
- Care can be initiated by the individual needing services or by a family member. No professional referral is needed.

WHO MAY USE THIS SERVICE?

- Anyone needing help with daily tasks such as bathing, housekeeping, dressing, or meal preparation among other things.

COST

- The cost of care is not covered by insurance.
- Each agency sets their own pricing for care, usually charged on an hourly basis. There may be a minimum number of hours required for care and different rates for overnight, weekend, or holiday hours. Check with the agency you are interested in to inquire about specific details as they vary between agencies.

HOW TO HIRE THE RIGHT CAREGIVER?

- Caregivers can be hired from an agency, or privately. A caregiver that works for an agency is insured by the agency and has met the criteria that the agency requires such as a background check and other screenings.
- Hiring someone independently will require wage negotiation between both parties as well as consideration regarding taxes, worker's compensation, or liability insurance should the person you employ injure themselves while providing care. Consulting a legal professional may be helpful in determining the best course of action if hiring someone independently.

Please see reverse side for a listing of service providers who offer in-home personal care services in the Greater Grand Rapids area.



PROVIDERS IN WEST MICHIGAN

Visit rethinkingdementiami.org and click on “in-home personal care” under the “daily care” category for a complete listing of all providers with more information.



ATRIO
HOME CARE

(616) 233-4142 Grand Rapids
(616) 796-3800 Lakeshore



(616) 913-2006
Must be enrolled in PACE to qualify for services.



Kent County Senior Millage
(616) 456-5664