



Memorandum

To: ADAMH/ADAS/CMH Boards
From: Ellie Jazi, LISW-S
RSS Administrator
Date: 1/18/2013
Re: Residential State Supplement Program

The purpose of this communication is to remind providers that the Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program is accepting applications for new enrollments statewide. RSS currently serves approximately 1,250 Ohioans by providing financial assistance to adults with low incomes who have a disability and/or are over age 60, but who do not require care at a nursing facility. Consumers use the supplement, along with their Social Security, SSI, or SSDI income, to pay for eligible living arrangements.

The goal of the RSS Program is to help people reside in the least restrictive environment with community-based services who would otherwise require institutional care. Applicants should currently be in a nursing facility planning for discharge to the community. Consumers enrolled in RSS use the cash assistance to live in community-based Adult Care Facilities (ACF's) or Adult Foster Homes licensed by ODMH, or Residential Care Facilities/Assisted Living licensed by the Ohio Department of Health. RSS-eligible living arrangements provide consumers with accommodations, supervision, and personal care services.

Please share this resource with your local service providers. The RSS webpage contains program information, including eligibility criteria, application forms, and community residence listings, and is available at: <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/promote/consumer-supports/housing/residential-state-supplement.shtml>. Please feel free to contact me anytime at ellie.jazi@mh.ohio.gov or 614-466-6783, whether you have general questions about RSS or are inquiring about a specific consumer. Thank you & I look forward to our continued work together.

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