



DEMENTIA CARE RESPITE PROGRAM

Eligibility and Application Instructions

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is **to support the health and well-being of unpaid family caregivers by providing funds to enable you to take a break from your caregiving responsibilities.** It also may cover some additional/supplemental supports. Each applicant's situation will be reviewed to determine the amount awarded from available funds, which usually does not exceed \$2,000 per care receiver.

Eligibility:

The care receiver (person with dementia who is receiving care) must:

- Have a **physician's diagnosis** of Alzheimer's disease or other irreversible dementia;
- Have an **annual income of no more than** \$47,880 (individual) or \$64,920 (couple). This includes Social Security, pension, annuity, wages, rental income and interest income.
- **Not be participating** in Choices for Care High or Highest Needs, Veteran Directed Program, or Attendant Services programs;
- Be a **permanent resident of Vermont and live at home (not in residential care).**

The caregiver/program applicant, if a Vermont resident, must live in the CVCOA service area: Lamoille, Washington and Orange counties or the towns of Royalton, Sharon, Bethel, Rochester, Pittsfield, Hancock, Granville or Stockbridge. The town of Thetford in Orange County is served by our sister agency, Senior Solutions. CVCOA can also work with out-of-state family caregivers whose care receivers live in our service area.

Funding Uses:

Funds are to be used for caregiver **respite only**. They cannot be used to compensate the family caregiver/applicant for services they provide, nor to pay most household bills.

Uses may include adult day services; respite care or companionship; personal care services; home-maker services; chore services; and brief institutional respite. Use of funds to pay for supplemental services will need authorization in advance, such as assistive technology, emergency alert systems, home modifications for care receiver accessibility and safety, and other eligible supplies.

If Dementia Respite funds are awarded, the family caregiver/applicant **must submit invoices and receipts for reimbursement**. Direct billing from adult day services and/or home care provider agencies can be arranged.

Application Process:

1. Send completed application to the mailing or email address below.
2. CVCOA Family Caregiver Support staff will contact you to review your application and complete more comprehensive assessments if needed.
3. Funds will be allocated as available with an initial award between \$500-\$1,000. Award packets will be sent with additional information and relevant forms.

Please email completed application to: caregiversupport@cvcoa.org **or mail to:**
CVCOA Family Caregiver Support, 59 N. Main Street, Suite 200, Barre, VT 05641

Questions? Call our CVCOA Helpline at 802-477-1364. Thank you!