

# GUIDE Model for Dementia Care



## Specialized Support for Dementia Care

Improving the quality of life for patients with Alzheimer's, dementia and their unpaid caregivers.

Senior Resources has partnered with CMS to provide the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model, which aims to enhance the quality of life for individuals with dementia and lessen the strain of their caregivers by coordinating the proper care and resources.

**Senior Resources is pleased to participate in the GUIDE model, which allows us to offer structured support and resources:**

- Access up to \$2,500 in respite care services each year
- Dementia Management training for caregivers
- Support groups and counseling for caregivers and patients

### Who Qualifies for the GUIDE Model Program?

**To qualify, patients must:**

- Have a diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's disease
- Live at home or in the community
- Be enrolled in Medicare Part B

### Important Information:

- Insurance plan benefits will not change.
- Participants can still visit any doctor, healthcare professional, or hospital at any time.

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### How Does the GUIDE Model Program Work?

**STEP 1** - Contact our Care Navigator via phone or email to check eligibility and enroll participants in the program.

**STEP 2** - A Care Navigator will coordinate a personalized care plan with patients and caregivers.

**STEP 3** - Caregivers receive training on managing dementia care and are offered access to respite services, support groups, and more.

**STEP 4** - Our Care Navigator will regularly check in to monitor progress and make adjustments to the care plan.

**And... It's covered by Medicare Part B!**

### Speak to a Care Navigator Today!

\*Call: 231-737-4041 and choose option 1 \*Email: [PCAH@seniorresourceswmi.org](mailto:PCAH@seniorresourceswmi.org)

*The GUIDE Model Program will provide a 24/7 support line, as well as caregiver training, education, and support services. This program may help people with dementia stay in their homes longer by delaying or avoiding the need for nursing home care, improving the quality of life for them and their unpaid caregivers.*

*To reduce differences in dementia care, the GUIDE Model includes policies to ensure that underserved communities have equal access to the program's services.*

# GUIDE Model Purpose

Dementia takes a toll on not just the people living with the disease but also on their loved ones and caregivers in a way that almost no other illness does. About 6.7 million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia, a number that is projected to grow by nearly 14 million by 2060. To help address the unique needs of this population, the GUIDE Model aims to:

- ♦ **Improve quality of life for people living with dementia** by addressing their behavioral health and functional needs, coordinating their care for dementia and co-occurring conditions, and improving transitions between community, hospital, and post-acute settings.
- ♦ **Reduce burden and strain on unpaid caregivers of people living with dementia** by providing caregiver skills training, referrals to community-based social services and supports, 24/7 access to a support line, and respite services.
- ♦ **Prevent or delay long-term nursing home care** for as long as appropriate by supporting caregivers and enabling people living with dementia to remain safely in their homes for as long as possible.

# GUIDE Model Beneficiary Eligibility

The GUIDE Model's intended beneficiary population is community-dwelling Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries, including beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, living with dementia. Eligible beneficiaries must meet the following criteria:

## Beneficiary Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Beneficiary has a diagnosis of dementia, as confirmed by clinician attestation.
- ✓ Enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B (not enrolled in Medicare Advantage, including Special Needs Plans and PACE).
- ✓ Not enrolled in Medicare hospice benefit.
- ✓ Have Medicare as their primary payer.
- ✓ Not residing in a long-term nursing home.