

Emergency Respite Vouchers

The Emergency Respite Voucher is available to family caregivers in need of emergency respite for obtaining primary care. Vouchers are available for up to \$500 to eligible family caregivers. Please see below for additional information.

Eligibility:

Family Caregiver:

- The primary family caregiver must be unpaid
 - *Family caregivers who receive financial compensation to care for their loved one are not eligible. Examples include, but are not limited to, payments from the Department of Social Services (foster care, adoption subsidies, kinship care) and caregivers who are employed as their loved one's Personal Care Aid through a Medicaid Waiver.*
 - Age under 55 (age 55 and over, please refer to your local Area Agency on Aging)

Care Receiver:

- Not currently receiving care/support services
 - *In order to provide relief for families with no structured assistance, caregivers of those already enrolled in government funded programs are not eligible. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (Personal Care and/or Respite), the SC Department of Health and Human Services (Personal Care and/or Respite Services) and Community Long Term Care (CLTC). * You are still eligible if you have a lapse in benefits or are on a waiting list.*
- Unable to be left alone due to a disability, significant special needs, or terminal illness.
- Not over the age of 59 years old and without a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or Dementia related illness. (if applicable, please refer to your local Area Agency on Aging)

Emergency Considerations:

Emergencies are determined based on the discretion of SCRC following an application review. Some examples of emergencies for Respite include:

- Unexpected death in the family
- A severe accident of a family member requiring coordinated care
- Illness of the primary caregiver
- Financial hardship that has prevented the opportunity for respite in the previous 6 months

Process:

- 1) Complete the online screening by [Clicking Here](#)
- 2) Staff will review and provide an application and/or additional resources (within 24hrs from receipt).
- 3) Determination of the application will be made and notification provided.
- 4) Eligible applicants will receive a voucher and Memorandum of Agreement for selected provider.
- 5) Applicant retains caregiver, facility or agency to provide respite and has voucher/MOA signed
- 6) Documentation of services received is submitted to SCRC for payment processing.