

Service coordinators in housing for the elderly save taxpayer dollars

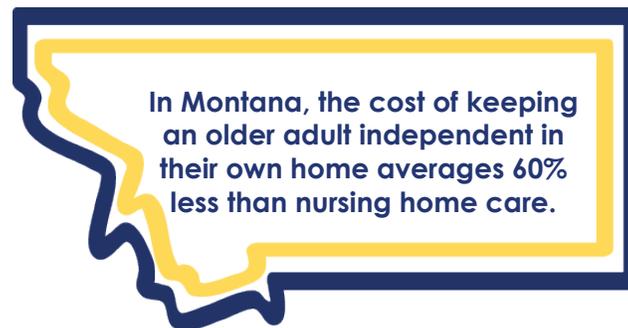
And here's how...

Service coordinators working with low-income older adults save taxpayer dollars by providing access to community-based supports and services that keep them aging in place in their own homes instead of having to move to more costly institutional settings such as a nursing home.

According to Montana data and reports regarding delivering home- and community-based long-term care services and supports, the average cost of support services for one month is just \$2,000¹; the average cost of one month of nursing home care is \$6,631².

For example, here are some average monthly costs in Montana:

homemaker/home health services	\$2,000
rent subsidy	\$403 ³
food stamps/SNAP benefit	\$194 ⁴
cost of a service coordinator	\$56 ⁵
total monthly expense:	\$2,653



Therefore, if one month of nursing home care costs \$6,631 and maintaining a low-income older adult in their own home through accessing benefits and community-based supports and services costs \$2,653, **taxpayers have saved \$3,978 every month one low-income older adult lives independently!**



The American Association of Service Coordinators (AASC), since 1999, has been dedicated to the advancement of the service coordinator profession through leadership, education, training, professional standards, guidance and advocacy.

Our vision is to support our members that serve individuals, families, older adults and persons with disabilities in subsidized and other affordable housing situations.

¹ Genworth Cost of Care Survey, 2016. "Compare Long Term Care Costs Across the United States." ©2016 Genworth Financial, Inc. <https://www.genworth.com/about-us/industry-expertise/cost-of-care.html>. Based on combined Montana hourly rates of \$25/hour for homemaker services and \$25/hour for home health aid services (licensed) at an average of 40 hours/month for each.

² Ibid.

³ Based on 70% of Montana average of the FY2017 Fair Market Rent for one-bedroom apartment at \$576/month.

⁴ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. "Maximum Monthly Allotments, October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2017: Maximum SNAP Allotments." <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/snap/SNAP-Fiscal-Year-2017-Cost-of-Living-Adjustments.pdf>.

⁵ AASC 2016 Service Coordinator Salary Survey: \$38,563 average annual salary + 30% benefits/12 months/75 residents (average) per property