



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 173-3-06.1 Older Americans Act: adult day service.

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(A) "Adult day service" ("ADS") means a regularly-scheduled service delivered at an adult day center (center) in a non-institutional, community-based setting. ADS includes recreational and educational programming to support a consumer's health and independence goals; at least one meal, but no more than two meals per day; and, sometimes, health status monitoring, skilled therapy services, and transportation to and from the center. Table 1 to this rule defines the three levels of ADS.

Table 1: Levels and Activities of ADS

	BASIC ADS	ENHANCED ADS	INTENSIVE ADS
Structured activity programming	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health assessments	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supervision of ADLs	One or more ADL	One or more ADL	All ADLs
Hands-on assistance with ADLs	No	Yes, one or more ADL (bathing excluded)	Yes, minimum of two ADLs (bathing included)
Hands-on assistance with medication administration	No	Yes	Yes
Comprehensive therapeutic activities	No	Yes	Yes
Monitoring of health status	No	Intermittent	Regular
Hands-on assistance with personal hygiene activities	No	Yes (bathing excluded)	Yes (bathing included, as needed)
Social work services	No	No	Yes
Skilled nursing services	No	No	Yes
Rehabilitative services	No	No	Yes



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(B) Requirements for every AAA-provider agreement for ADS that is paid, in whole or in part, with Older Americans Act funds:

(1) The AAA-provider agreement is subject to rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Service requirements:

(a) Transportation: The provider shall transport each consumer to and from the center by performing transportation that complies with rule 173-3-06.6 of the Administrative Code, unless the provider enters into a contract with another provider who complies with rule 173-3-06.6 of the Administrative Code, or unless the caregiver transports or designates another person or non-provider, other than the center provider, to transport the consumer to and from the center.

(b) Case manager's assessment: If the consumer receives a case management service as part of care coordination:

(i) The case manager shall assess each consumer's needs and preferences then specify which service level will be approved for each consumer; and,

(ii) The provider shall retain records to show that it provides the service at the level that the case manager authorized.

(c) Provider's initial assessment:

(i) The provider shall assess the consumer before the end of the consumer's second day of attendance at the center. If the consumer is enrolled in care coordination, the provider may substitute a copy of the case manager's assessment of the consumer if the case manager assessed the consumer no more than thirty days before the consumer's first day of attendance at the center.

(ii) The initial assessment shall include both of the following components:

(a) Functional and cognitive profiles that identify the ADLs and IADLs that require attention or assistance of the provider's staff members.

(b) Social profile including social activity patterns, major life events, community services, caregiver data, formal and informal support systems, and behavior patterns.



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- (d) Health assessment: No later than thirty days after the consumer's initial attendance at the center or before the consumer receives the first ten units of service at the center, whichever comes first, the provider shall either obtain a health assessment of each consumer from a licensed healthcare professional whose scope of practice includes health assessments or require a staff member who is such a licensed healthcare professional to perform a health assessment of each consumer. The health assessment shall include the consumer's psychosocial profile and identify the consumer's risk factors, diet, and medications. If the licensed healthcare professional who performs the health assessment is not a staff member of the provider, the provider shall retain a record of the professional's name and phone number.
- (e) Activity plan: No later than thirty days after the consumer's initial attendance at the center or before the consumer receives the first ten units of service at the center, whichever comes first, the provider shall either obtain the services of a licensed healthcare professional whose scope of practice includes developing activity plans to draft an activity plan for each consumer or require a staff member who is such a licensed healthcare professional to draft an activity plan for each consumer. The plan shall do all of the following:
 - (i) Identify the consumer's strengths, needs, problems or difficulties, and objectives.
 - (ii) Describe the consumer's interests, preferences, and social rehabilitative needs.
 - (iii) Describe the consumer's health needs.
 - (iv) Describe the consumer's specific goals, objectives, and planned interventions of ADS that meet the goals.
 - (v) Describe the consumer's level of involvement in the drafting of the plan, and if the consumer has a caregiver, the caregiver's level of involvement in the drafting of the plan.
 - (vi) Describe the consumer's ability to provide a unique identifier to verify receipt of service delivery.
- (f) Plan of treatment: Before administering medication or meals with a therapeutic diet, and before providing a nursing service, nutrition counseling, physical therapy, or speech therapy, the provider shall obtain



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a plan of treatment from a licensed healthcare professional whose scope of practice includes making plans of treatment. The provider shall obtain the plan of treatment at least every ninety days for each consumer that receives medication, a nursing service, nutrition counseling, physical therapy, or speech therapy. For diet orders that may be part of a plan of treatment, a new diet order is not required every ninety days. Instead, the provider is subject to the diet-order requirements under rule 173-4-06 of the Administrative Code.

(g) Interdisciplinary care conference (conference):

(i) Frequency: The provider shall conduct a conference for each consumer at least once every six months.

(ii) Participants: The provider shall conduct the conference between the provider's staff members and invitees who choose to participate. At least seven days before the conference begins, the provider shall invite the following persons to participate in the conference and provide those persons with the date and time of the conference:

(a) The consumer.

(b) The consumer's case manager, if the consumer receives case management as part of care coordination.

(c) Any licensed healthcare profession who does not work for the provider, but who provided the provider with a health assessment of the consumer or an activity plan for the consumer.

(d) The consumer's caregiver, if the consumer has a caregiver.

(iii) Revise activity plan: If the conference participants identify changes in the consumer's health needs, condition, preferences, or responses to the service, the provider shall obtain the services of a licensed healthcare professional whose scope of practice includes developing activity plans to revise the activity plan accordingly or require a staff member who is such a licensed healthcare professional to revise the activity plan accordingly.

(h) Activities: The provider shall announce daily and monthly planned activities through two or more of the following media:

(i) Posters in prominent locations throughout the center.



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- (ii) An electronic display (e.g., a television) in a prominent location in the center.
 - (iii) The center's website.
 - (iv) A direct communication sent to consumers (and others), such as email, text, mail, or another medium.
- (i) Lunch and snacks:
 - (i) The provider shall provide lunch and snacks to each consumer who is present during lunchtime or snacktime.
 - (ii) The provision of lunch shall comply with paragraphs (A)(7) to (A)(12) of rule 173-4-05 of the Administrative Code and paragraph (E) of rule 173-4-05.1 of the Administrative Code.
- (3) Center requirements: A provider may qualify for an AAA-provider agreement to provide ADS only if the provider's center meets the following specifications:
 - (a) If the center is housed in a building with services or programs other than ADS, the center has separate, identifiable space and staff for ADS during operational hours.
 - (b) The center complies with the requirements for an adult day care center in Chapter 1301:7-7 of the Administrative Code ("Ohio Fire Code"), which are enforced by the local fire department or code enforcement bureau of the state fire marshal. The center obtains a local fire department or state code enforcement bureau inspection annually and after receiving a report of noncompliance.
 - (c) The center complies with the requirements for an adult day care center in division 4101:1 of the Administrative Code ("Ohio Building Code") and division 4101:3 of the Administrative Code ("Ohio Plumbing Code"), which are enforced by the building department having jurisdiction to issue a certificate of occupancy. The center allows a building department having jurisdiction to inspect the center after receiving a report of noncompliance at the building department's discretion.
 - (d) The center has at least sixty square feet per consumer that it serves (not just consumers who are enrolled in AGE-administered programs), excluding hallways, offices, rest rooms, and storage areas.



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- (e) The center stores consumers' medications in a locked area at the appropriate temperature for each medication and establishes a policy on self-administering medications that ensures the least restrictive environment for consumers and promotes their health and safety.
- (f) The center stores toxic substances in a secured location or secured storage container.
- (g) The center has at least one working toilet for every ten consumers present that it serves (not just consumers who are enrolled in an AGE-administered program) and at least one wheelchair-accessible toilet.
- (h) If the center provides intensive ADS, the center has bathing facilities suitable to the needs of consumers who require intensive ADS.

(4) Staffing levels:

- (a) The provider shall have at least two staff members present whenever more than one consumer is present, including one who is a paid PCA and one who is certified in CPR.
- (b) The provider shall maintain a staff-to-consumer ratio of at least one staff member to every six consumers at all times.
- (c) The provider shall have one RN or LPN available whenever a consumer who receives enhanced ADS or intensive ADS requires components of enhanced ADS or intensive ADS that fall within a nurse's scope of practice.
- (d) The provider shall employ an activity director to direct consumer activities.

(5) Provider qualification:

- (a) Type of provider: Only agency providers qualify to provide ADS.
- (b) Staff qualifications:
 - (i) Every person who is an RN, LPN, social worker, physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, speech therapist, dietitian, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, or other licensed professional qualifies to practice in the adult day center only if the person has a current and valid license to practice in their profession.



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- (ii) A person qualifies to be an activity director only if the person has at least one of the following:
 - (a) A baccalaureate or associate degree in recreational therapy or a related degree.
 - (b) At least two years of experience as an activity director, activity assistant or a related position.
 - (c) Compliance with the qualifications under rule 3701-17-07 of the Administrative Code for directing resident activities in a nursing home.
 - (d) A certification from the national certification council for activity professionals (NCCAP).
- (iii) A person qualifies to be an activity assistant only if the person has at least one of the following:
 - (a) A high school diploma.
 - (b) A certificate of high school equivalence as defined in section 5107.40 of the Revised Code.
 - (c) At least two years of employment in a supervised position to provide personal care, to provide activities, or to assist with activities.
- (iv) A person qualifies to be a PCA only if the person has at least one of the following:
 - (a) A high school diploma.
 - (b) A certificate of high school equivalence as defined in section 5107.40 of the Revised Code.
 - (c) At least two years of employment in a supervised position to provide personal care, to provide activities, or to assist with activities.
 - (d) The successful completion of a vocational program in a health or human services field.



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- (v) Each staff member who provides transportation to consumers shall comply with all requirements under rule 173-3-06.6 of the Administrative Code.

(c) Staff training:

- (i) Orientation: The provider shall comply with the requirements for the orientation of PCAs in rule 173-3-06.5 of the Administrative Code.
- (ii) Task-based training: Before each new PCA provides an ADS, the provider shall provide task-based training.
- (iii) Continuing education: Each staff member shall successfully complete at least eight hours of in-service or continuing education on appropriate topics every twelve months. A staff member's successful completion of one to eight hours of continuing education or in-service training to maintain a professional license, certification, or registration used to provide ADS counts towards this eight-hour requirement if successfully completed during the same calendar year.
- (iv) Verification of compliance: The provider shall comply with paragraph (B)(4)(f) of rule 173-3-06.5 of the Administrative Code regarding records of each PCA's successful completion of any training and competency evaluation program, orientation, and in-service training.

- (d) Performance reviews: The provider shall complete a performance review of each staff member in relation to the staff member's job description.

(6) Service verification:

- (a) The following are the mandatory reporting items for each episode of service that a provider retains to comply with the requirements under paragraph (B)(9) of rule 173-3-06 of the Administrative Code:
 - (i) Consumer's name.
 - (ii) Service date.
 - (iii) Consumer's arrival and departure times.
 - (iv) Consumer's mode of transportation.



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(v) Unique identifier of the consumer or the consumer's caregiver to attest to receiving the service.

(b) During a state of emergency declared by the governor or a federal public health emergency, the provider may verify each episode of service provided without collecting the unique identifier of the consumer or the consumer's caregiver.

(C) Units of service:

(1) Attendance: Units of ADS are calculated as follows:

(a) One-half unit is less than four hours of ADS per day.

(b) One unit is four to eight hours of ADS per day.

(c) A fifteen-minute unit is each fifteen-minute period of time over eight hours up to, and including, a maximum of twelve hours of ADS per day.

(2) Transportation: A unit of ADS does not include transportation, as defined by rule 173-3-06.6 of the Administrative Code, even if the transportation is provided to transport the consumer to or from the center.