

Definition and Purpose

Homemaker service is a program providing routine light housework, laundry, errands, etc., for eligible individuals. This program helps older people continue independent living.

Eligibility

- Client or spouse must be age 60 or over
- Client must reside in Mercer County
- Client must be unable to do the homemaker work requested
- Service is ordinarily not offered if an able body person lives with the client

Scheduling

Clients must accept the schedule set by the homemaker.

Homemakers adjust schedules to conserve time and mileage so clients should expect periodic scheduling changes. Regular schedules will be affected by holidays, vacations, illness, and bad weather days. Clients are asked to stay home while the homemaker is there. Clients are required to home while the homemaker is there.

Time & Frequency

There is some flexibility in time and frequency, but homemaker visits are usually about every other week with time seldom over two hours and usually less depending on client load.

Work Permitted

- Vacuuming
- Sweeping
- Scrubbing
- Cleaning Bathrooms
- Laundry
- Changing Bedding
- Grocery Shopping
- Errands

Work Not Permitted

- Moving Heavy Furniture
- Yard Work
- Snow Shoveling
- Personal Care
- Transporting Clients in Personal Cars
- Homemakers may not use high ladders, remove storm windows, etc.

Dusting

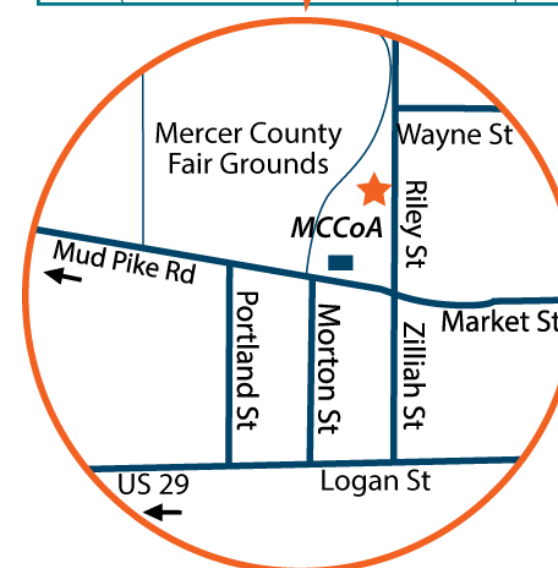
All clients are encouraged to do their own dusting and any other work they are able to do. Homemakers may dust only if the client is unable to do his/her own dusting

Target Population

Priority is given to clients over age 75, those who are ill or handicapped, and those most economically needy.

Area of Service

All urban and rural areas of Mercer County

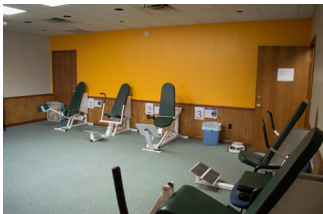


Other services offered at the MCCoA:

- Blood Pressure Clinic
- Outreach Services
- Chore Services
- Information & Referral
- Newsletter
- Senior Citizen Tours
- Senior Transportation
- Social Activities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Legal Aid
- Toenail Clipping Service
- Equipment Rental
- Exercise Equipment

Elderly Nutrition Services

Locks sixteen, through the Area Agency on Aging 3 in Lima, provides a daily meal which is served at the Senior Center. The meal is open to anyone 60 or older and a donation of \$3.00 per meal is suggested.



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