



Caregiver Services Corps

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- The Maryland Department of Aging has implemented a new **Caregiver Services Corps** for seniors aged 65 and above.
- The service is designed to quickly deploy volunteers to the homes of seniors who need urgent assistance with everyday tasks when their typical caregiver is temporarily unable to help them due to COVID-19 exposure, illness, or other challenges.
- The Caregiver Services Corps volunteers can perform tasks such as:
 - Assist with the individual's self-administration of medications
 - Help with ambulation or transferring
 - Assist with bathing and completing personal hygiene routines
 - Deliver essential groceries
 - Aid with telehealth appointments
- Seniors or their loved ones should call **2-1-1** to be connected with the Caregiver Services Corps help center. Trained staff at the call center will quickly evaluate the caller's needs and match them with a volunteer.
- The call center is available 7 days a week and is capable of taking calls in many languages.
- The program is not intended to replace long-term arrangements for ongoing needs. Seniors and their loved ones should always work directly with their primary care physician or insurance company to arrange for such services.
- For more about the program go to the Department of Aging website:
<https://aging.maryland.gov/pages/CSC.aspx>