

# MEDICARE GUIDE PROGRAM

Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience “GUIDE” - is a Traditional Medicare benefit for those living with dementia and their unpaid caregivers. This benefit seeks to reduce caregiver burnout with monthly contact from a care navigator and annual respite stipend.

The Dubin Center is in network with Healthspan Partners of SWFL. The Dubin Center acts as care navigators to the GUIDE program and helps caregivers enroll in the benefit.

## Eligibility Requirements

- **Traditional Medicare** (not on an Advantage plan)
- Qualifying dementia diagnosis
- Not enrolled in PACE or Hospice
- Living in the community: private residence or Independent Living
- Cannot be living in Assisted Living, Memory Care, or Skilled Nursing
- The caregiver does not need to be living with the person with dementia

## Benefits Snapshot

- No cost to participants, no changes in current care or other benefits.
- The Yearly Respite Stipend (up to \$2,625) can be used towards a GUIDE- approved in-home care agency, facility, or daycare.
- Care coordination with assistance from a trained Care Navigator to help caregivers.
- Free Caregiver Education and Support. A 24/7 support line is available to participants and online training.

## How it works:

1. Medicare Insurance Verification Check - only available for those with **Traditional Medicare** (not an Advantage plan).
2. Initial Assessment & Home Visit - Participants may reside at home or in independent living. Cannot be enrolled in hospice or a PACE program. Confirmation of dementia diagnosis from provider.
3. Monthly check-in's with care navigator.
4. Stipend dispersed- assistance in securing respite care options.
5. Access to free education & 24/7 Support Line.

## Why enroll with Healthspan Partners of SWFL & The Dubin Center?



Unlike large national GUIDE networks, The Dubin Center offers a truly personal, local approach. Participants always speak directly with a Dubin Center Care Navigator who knows them and understands their needs, never a call center. Because we are deeply connected to Southwest Florida, we know our partner agencies personally and provide trusted, tailored recommendations to ensure the right support at the right time.

For more information on the GUIDE program, please call The Dubin Center.

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