

Who Uses Professional Geriatric Care Manager Services?

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The mission of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers is to advance professional geriatric care management through education, collaboration, and leadership.

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Meet NAPGCM

The National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (NAPGCM) is an organization of practitioners whose goal is the advancement of expert assistance to older adults and their families.

NAPGCM is committed to maximizing the independence and autonomy of elders and strives to ensure the highest quality and most cost-effective health and human services. The members assist their clients and families cope with the challenges of aging, through education, advocacy, counseling, and service delivery.

Certified Geriatric Care Managers are individuals who meet strict certification requirements. NAPGCM also serves to educate and protect the consumer in obtaining geriatric care.

Since its inception in 1985, NAPGCM has become the recognized leader in professional geriatric care management. The media, educators, employers, and professional societies often call upon the association or its members to speak on topics related to elder care.

What is a Professional Geriatric Care Manager?

A Geriatric Care Manager is a health and human services specialist who is a guide, advocate, and resource for families caring for older relatives.

The Geriatric Care Manager may be trained in any of a number of fields related to long-term care. These include nursing, gerontology, social work, psychology, and other allied health professions, with a specialized focus on issues related to aging and elder care.

The Geriatric Care Manager assists older adults and persons with disabilities reach their maximum functional potential. The individual's independence is encouraged, while safety and security concerns are also addressed.

Geriatric Care Managers have extensive knowledge about the costs, quality, and availability of resources in their communities. One call to a Geriatric Care Manager will connect you with the appropriate services.

Here's what a Professional Geriatric Care Manager can do for you.

- Conduct care planning assessments to identify problems and to provide solutions.
- Screen, arrange, and monitor in-home help or other services.
- Provide short- or long-term assistance for caregivers living near or far away.
- Review financial, legal, or medical issues and offer referrals to geriatric specialists.
- Provide crisis intervention.
- Act as a liaison to families at a distance, overseeing care, and quickly alerting families to problems.
- Assist with moving an older person to or from a retirement complex, assisted care home, or nursing home.
- Provide consumer education and advocacy.
- Offer counseling and support.

Some Geriatric Care Managers also provide family or individual therapy, financial management, conservatorship or guardianship assistance, and/or caregiving services.

What are the Benefits of Using a Professional Geriatric Care Manager?

- Personalized and compassionate service—focusing on the individual's goals and needs.
- Accessibility—care is typically available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Continuity of care management—communications are coordinated between family members, doctors and other professionals, and service providers.
- Cost containment—avoids inappropriate placements, duplication of services, and unnecessary hospitalizations.
- Quality control—care management services follow NAPGCM's Standards of Practice and Pledge of Ethics.

