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HOME AND HEALTH MONITORING SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH AREA 9 AGENCY

If you are a typical caregiver, you can't be with an older parent or relative 24 hours a day, but there is help available. Imagine being able to check in on your mom, dad or loved one whenever you need to by clicking on your computer at work or at home. Through the use of a grant, this service may be provided with no or little cost to you.

The U.S. Administration on Aging through the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Aging and In-Home Services, selected a proposal submitted by the Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency that will expand the use of video monitoring technology. This equipment allows caregivers to monitor people with Alzheimer's disease or other related diagnosis such as dementia through video cameras and computer software from an off-site location.

Medication dispensers, blood pressure units and weight monitoring will also be available through the use of the phone lines connected to the caregivers' homes. In addition, the grant will provide funds to develop a volunteer respite program. There will be more information related to the respite program released at a later date.

For more information on this program, contact Tricia Luebbe, Alzheimer's Program Coordinator, at 765-966-1795 or 1-800-458-9345.