

Personal Care Assistance Medicaid Waiver Program

Description:

The Personal Care Assistance Medicaid Waiver Program allows eligible persons to receive assistance under Medicaid to pay for a Personal Care Assistant. Individuals with a physical disability that require hands-on help with at least two of the following activities of daily living may be eligible: bathing, dressing, eating, transferring or toileting. Participation in the waiver is limited and applicants may be placed on a waiting list.

Personal Care Assistants are employees of individuals participating in the program. Program participants negotiate with personal care assistants to determine the wages that are paid. Wages may be set up to a maximum rate, which is generally less than what is charged by an agency, thus allowing participants more hours of care for equal or less money. Participants document and submit time sheets to a fiscal agency, which forwards paychecks to the Personal Care Assistant. Program participants are responsible for hiring, training, supervising and terminating Personal Care Assistants. Persons who are unable to supervise a Personal Care Assistant can have a conservator do so. Conservators may not be related to participants nor can they be their Personal Care Assistants.

Applicants must complete and file a Personal Care Assistance Waiver Request form and apply for Medicaid. Persons who are eligible for the Personal Care Assistance Waiver are eligible for all Medicaid covered services. Program participants must also meet income and asset guidelines. Depending upon their income, some participants may be required to contribute to the cost of the Personal Care Assistance services. Spousal income is not counted when determining eligibility; however, a spouse may be billed for some of the costs of the Personal Care Assistant. Any married couple with assets greater than \$1,600 is subject to a Department of Social Services' assessment of the applicant and his or her spouse's total assets.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65.
- Monthly income cannot exceed \$2,022. Income includes wages, pensions, Social Security benefits, veteran's benefits and alimony.
- Must have no more than \$1,600 in total assets. Assets include bank accounts, some life insurance policies, savings bonds and stocks. Assets do not include a participant's house, a motor vehicle that is used for transportation to employment or on-going medical treatment or vehicles modified for operation by or transportation of a person with disabilities.

- Must file a Personal Care Assistance Waiver Request form.
- Persons who qualify for Medicaid through the Medicaid for Employed Disabled coverage group may also meet the financial eligibility criteria for the waiver.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

January 1 – December 31

Contact Information:

For a Personal Care Assistance Waiver Request Form contact the Department of Social Services Regional Offices in [Appendix H](#) of this manual.

For submission of the completed Personal Care Assistance Waiver Form:

Attn: Social Work Services Division
CT Department of Social Services
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Related Information:

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