

The Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP)

The goal of this program is to support individuals with physical disabilities to remain active and independent in their community.

PASP is a program that provides help with nonmedical personal care for adults with physical disabilities who are employed, preparing or planning to work, attending school or volunteering in the community.

Participants must be able to self-direct their own services.

The PASP offers participants the opportunity to manage their own personal care services.

Eligibility is not income based, but there can be a cost share based on income.

Eligible applicants must:

Reside in New Jersey.

Have a permanent physical disability and require assistance with activities of daily living.

(Examples; getting dressed, bathing/showering, preparing meals, transportation, household management, shopping, etc.)

Be 18 years old or older.

Live in the community.

Be capable of directing and supervising their own services.

Currently employed or preparing for employment through college or a vocational program or actively volunteering in the community for a minimum of 20 hours a month.

How the PASP works:

A needs assessment is completed to determine the number of hours a participant will receive, up to a maximum of 40 hours a week. Hours are then converted to a monthly budget. With assistance from a County Coordinator, participants develop a cash management plan (CMP) to decide exactly how their monthly budget will be spent. The CMP includes details such as, who they will hire, what services will be provided and what rates each worker will be paid. A fiscal intermediary service organization then distributes the monthly budget to purchase services as identified in the CMP.

PASP participants:

Receive a monthly budget to purchase services.

Create their own individualized plan to direct their personal care needs.

Choose who will provide the services.

Tailor the services to meet their schedule and needs.

Monthly budgets can be used to:

Hire workers to assist with tasks related to personal care, household management, driving or using public transportation.

Purchase chore or errand services to assist with shopping, cleaning, banking, laundry, food preparation or food delivery.

Purchase supplies and/or equipment to enhance or promote independence.

Who can I hire?

The choice is up to you! Participants can choose to hire neighbors, family, friends, independent employees or agency services.

For more information about The Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP)

Please contact our Hunterdon County PASP Coordinator.

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