



SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES



Personal Preference Program (PPP) and Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

IS PPP THE SAME AS PCA?

PPP is an alternative to traditional agency-delivered services through NJ Medicaid's Personal Care Assistant (PCA) services benefit. PPP allows an individual and the family to have more control over the services they receive. The individual's Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) determines eligibility for PCA and PPP.

KEY ACRONYMS

- PPP - Personal Preference Program
- PCA - Personal Care Assistant
- PPL - Public Partnerships, LLC
- FI - Fiscal Intermediary
- AWC - Agency with Choice
- VF/EA - Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent
- EIN - Employer Identification Number
- MCO - Managed Care Organization
- DDD - Division of Developmental Disabilities
- NJCAT - New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool

CAN I USE BOTH?

With approval from both the Medicaid managed care organization and the DDD support coordinator, an individual can receive services from both programs, but must use separate EINs and may need a representative to enroll as the employer on their behalf.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

PPP

Must have a documented need for hands-on personal care and have a doctor's order to receive the services. Has NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid Plan A and approved by the MCO for PCA and PPP.

DDD

DDD eligible, enrolled in Supports Program or Community Care Program, ready to assume more responsibility over services.

BUDGET DETERMINATION

The MCO determines the budget, based on a formula using the number of hours from the most recent PCA Assessment.

The monthly budget amount is determined by the New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJCAT).

USING YOUR BUDGET

With help from the Financial Consultant, hire staff (**including family members**) for assistance with activities of daily living including bathing, feeding, dressing and grooming. A small portion of the budget may also be used for supplies to enhance independence, not covered by Medicaid.

Hire staff (**excluding parents, guardians, or spouses**) for community-based and individual support, interpreters, respite, transportation, assistive technology, environmental modifications.

RECORDKEEPING

There are strict recordkeeping requirements for the family. Public Partnerships, LLC is the FI and is responsible for payroll, bookkeeping, and paying accurate and complete timesheets.

The FI provides administrative and payroll services. The FI for AWC is Easterseals NJ. The FI for VF/EA is Public Partnerships.

LINKS

Personal Preference Program - www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/njppp.html

Personal Care Assistant Services - www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/hottopics/care/

Medicaid Managed Care - www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/info/resources/care/

Public Partnerships, LLC - www.publicpartnerships.com/

DDD Self-Directed Services - www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/programs/selfdirected/

Supports Program - www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/programs/supports_program.html

Community Care Program - www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services/ccw/

Easter Seals - www.easterseals.com/nj/our-programs/

GLOSSARY

Personal Care Assistant (PCA) - Non-emergency, on-going health related tasks performed by qualified staff in a NJ FamilyCare eligible beneficiary's home.

Personal Preference Program (PPP) - PPP offers an alternative way for NJ FamilyCare Plan A members who qualify for the Personal Care Assistant (PCA) services benefit to remain in their home and active in their community, and does not require the use of a home health care agency.

Public Partnerships, LLC (PPL) - The fiscal intermediary (FI) for the PPP, and is responsible for handling payroll responsibilities, acting as a bookkeeping service, processing time sheets and issuing paychecks to your workers. PPL also serves as the fiscal intermediary for the VF/EA model of SDS.

Agency with Choice (AWC) - A co-employer model of self-directed services for which Easterseals NJ is the fiscal intermediary and the employer of record.

Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent (VF/EA) - A model of self-directed services in which the individual enrolls as the employer of record or appoints a representative to do so.

Employer Identification Number (EIN) - A nine-digit number used to identify a business entity or employer for tax and payroll tracking.

Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) - Provides the delivery of Medicaid health benefits through arrangements that are contracted between the state Medicaid agency and the health plans.

NJ Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJCAT) - A standardized assessment used to determine eligibility for services and identify an individual's level of need for support in three main areas: self-care, behavioral health, and medical.

PCA Assessment Tool - Designed to gain an understanding of an individual's physical and cognitive abilities, needs, and activities of daily living (ADL). Determines the amount and frequency of services.