



Manage your own care at home:

Independent Provider Program

The Independent Provider (IP) Program is a self-directed option for people living in their homes who have been approved for Medicaid and Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) and who need assistance with personal care and homemaker services. Eligible LTSS beneficiaries can hire, schedule, and supervise a Personal Care Aide (PCA) of their choice to assist with activities of daily living. If the consumer is unable to manage this responsibility, a representative must be named to act in his or her place.

Services are funded through Medicaid and are intended to allow for consumer independence.

Consumer Eligibility

- Persons eligible for traditional Medicaid (fee for service) and LTSS.
- Persons who are medically stable.
- Persons who need physical assistance with personal care and homemaker activities such as: bathing, grooming, dressing, preparing food, grocery shopping, cleaning, laundry, and transportation.

Please note: The IP Program is not available to individuals who are enrolled in Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island's Integrity Program (i.e. the Integrated Care Initiative or MMP).

Personal Care Aides (PCA) Services

The PCA employed by the consumer will be able to assist with bathing, dressing, toileting, eating, and transfers. Additionally, the PCA can assist with household tasks such as housekeeping, meal preparation, laundry, and shopping.

Consumers in this program may hire their friends, neighbors, or a family member to be the PCA. Spouses, legal guardians, or financial power of attorney are not allowed to be a PCA. Services cannot be duplicated or provided by other agencies.

The PCA must attend a mandatory orientation to be eligible for employment under this program and complete a National Criminal Background Check, as well as be CPR certified. The PCA can be trained by the consumer receiving services or a formal training program offered by the Community College of Rhode Island. Once an approved PCA begins providing services according to the consumer's schedule and needs, they will be paid a set wage.



Service Advisory Agency & Fiscal Intermediary

A Service Advisory Agency will conduct a home visit that will include an initial assessment and information about the IP Program. If this program is right for the consumer, additional assessments will be conducted to develop a plan of care. The plan of care must then be approved by Medicaid. Training will then begin to help the consumer develop skills to hire and direct a PCA. The Service Advisory Agency also trains the consumer about the necessary paperwork required by the Fiscal Intermediary for payment to the PCA.

Contact Information

For general information, contact: The Point at 401-462-4444

For IP Service Advisory Agencies, contact: Seven Hills RI at 401-229-9700

For the Independent Provider Program, contact: 401-462-6634 or ohhs.ip@ohhs.ri.gov