



Independent Provider Self-Directed Home Care Program

The Independent Provider (IP) program is a self-directed pathway for people eligible for Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) who live at home and want more control over who provides their home and community-based services (HCBS) and when, but don't want to manage a service budget. The IP is only available for Medicaid LTSS beneficiaries.

In this program, the beneficiary can choose a personal care aide (PCA) who they know or who is listed on a statewide registry. For a PCA to be listed on this registry, they must have attended the IP PCA training program and be CPR certified, both of which are funded by the State. The IP program covers a specific set of Medicaid LTSS, including personal care assistance and homemaker and chore services.

How to receive services

- Just like other programs that cover LTSS at home, an HCBS assessment is conducted to assess a person's needs. If the person is found eligible for Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS), they are referred to a service advisory agency that provides supplementary program information and additional assessments to help the person develop an individualized plan of care. This plan of care is shared with a fiscal intermediary agency.
- The service advisory and fiscal intermediary agencies assist the person in accessing the services in their plan of care and providing guidance on managing and paying the beneficiary's PCA.
- The fiscal intermediary and service advisory agencies provide additional support to the person throughout their participation in the IP program.
- The fiscal intermediary also conducts background checks of the PCA chosen to make sure there is no criminal record. Those PCAs on the registry also undergo background checks in order to qualify for the registry.

Who is Eligible?

- **Adults 18-64 with disabilities, or anyone 65 and older who is eligible for Medicaid LTSS and needs the scope of services available through the IP program**

For more information or to enroll, please contact the LTSS Coverage Line at 401-574-8474 or DHS at 855-697-4347

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