



Personal Care Services

Nevada Medicaid

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Program Overview

The Personal Care Services (PCS) program assists and supports individuals of any age who have a disability or chronic medical condition to live independently in a community setting. PCS helps a recipient to perform their Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) due to a disability or chronic condition causing functional limitations to perform the activities independently. Services are rendered by qualified Personal Care Attendants (PCA), or in some cases a family member or friend who receive specific training, through a licensed PCS Agency or Intermediary Service Organization (ISO) that is contracted with Nevada Medicaid.

Program Eligibility and Criteria

- Recipients must have ongoing Medicaid or Nevada Check Up (NCU) eligibility.
- Recipients must not be in an inpatient setting such as a hospital or long-term care facility like a nursing home or residential facility for groups.
- PCS must be determined to be medically necessary.
- Recipients cannot have a Legally Responsible Individual (LRI) available or capable of providing the necessary ADL or IADL care.
- Recipients must be capable of making choices about their care or have a Personal Care Representative who assumes such decision-making responsibility.

Covered Services

Direct hands-on assistance or cueing to perform the following:

- ADL Tasks- bathing/dressing/grooming, toileting, transferring, mobility/ambulation, and eating.
- IADL Tasks- light housekeeping, laundry, essential shopping, and meal preparation

Limitations

To be considered eligible to receive authorization for assistance to perform IADLs:

- A recipient must first be determined eligible to receive assistance with two or more ADL tasks.
- The recipient must have a mobility, cognitive, endurance, or sensory deficit which limits ability to perform IADL; and
- No LRI is available or capable of performing the IADL task.

Authorization Process

- All PCS require a prior authorization.
- Authorization is based on the recipient's needs, and functional abilities, determined by a Functional Assessment Service Plan performed by a physical or occupational therapist approved by Nevada Medicaid.

Resources

DHCFP PCS Webpage

<http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/LTSS/LTSSPCS/>

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