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## Personal Care Attendant Program

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Could you or a loved one benefit from the daily assistance of a personal care attendant (PCA)?

If you are a MassHealth consumer, of any age, with a permanent or chronic disability that impairs your ability to independently bathe, groom, dress, eat, use the bathroom, move around, or accurately take your medication, you may be eligible to hire a PCA at no cost to you or your loved ones.

**Call Coastline today to see if you are eligible to hire a PCA\***

- We will determine if you are eligible
- We will train you how to hire and manage your PCA
- We will evaluate the amount of PCA hours you will need
- We will continue to provide you with support and answer any questions; we also perform an annual evaluation to ensure you are receiving what you need

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If you are eligible to hire a PCA, you may choose the person you would like to hire.

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However, you cannot hire your spouse, surrogate, parent (if you are a minor), or legal guardian.

## Eligibility Guidelines

- Must be a MassHealth consumer—of any age
- Your physician must prescribe PCA services to you
- You must be able to manage the program independently, or have a surrogate manage it for you (surrogate cannot be the PCA)
- You must have a permanent or chronic disability that impairs your ability to independently bathe, dress and undress, eat, move around, use the bathroom, or accurately take your medications
- You must require physical assistance with two of the above activities,

## PCA Facts

- PCAs are paid \$15.00 per hour, before taxes.
- The overnight rate for a PCA is \$30.00 per night, before taxes
- PCAs are eligible for workman's compensation and unemployment compensation, sick time and overtime
- PCAs receive time and one half for working on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and July 4th.
- PCAs are not paid for supervision, cueing or safety sitting