

Personal Care Assistance

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is the state agency that partners with Ohioans with disabilities to achieve quality employment, independence and Social Security disability determination outcomes. It is accomplished through its Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) and Division of Disability Determination (DDD). A fourth area is the Division of Employer and Innovation Services (EIS), which is responsible for establishing and maintaining partnerships with employers.

In order to maintain employment, look for employment, or participate in training for employment, some Ohioans with severe physical disabilities may require a personal care attendant/aide to assist them with activities of daily living (ADLs). ADLs may include, but not limited to: bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, food preparation, feeding, turning, positioning, transferring, and/or assisting with ambulation. The PCA program provides reimbursement to eligible individuals for a percentage of the wages paid to their personal care assistant/aide.

Through the PCA program, many Ohioans have been able to find and maintain employment and have left institutions for the personal independence of their own homes or apartments.

Eligibility

To qualify for the Ohio PCA program a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older,
- Be an Ohio resident and obtain services in Ohio,
- Have a severe physical disability,
- Not be receiving duplicate personal assistance services from other programs,
- Need no fewer than eight consecutive weeks of PCA and no more than 455 hours per quarter,
- Have adjusted income not exceeding 600% of the poverty level,
- Be capable of instructing and supervising a personal care assistant,
- Be living independently or through PCA be capable of living independently, and
- Agree to be subject to periodic evaluation of need for continuing PCA service.

Priority

Limited funds are made available to eligible individuals based on the following priorities:

- People who have a job and need a personal care assistant to keep the job,
- People who are actively seeking a job and need PCA to find and keep a job, or
- People in an approved job training program who need PCA to participate in training.

Additional Information

Program information may be found on the OOD website, www.ood.ohio.gov

- Personal Care Assistance
- Application and Financial Statement
- Forms for eligible individuals
- Contact information

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