



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & HEALTH SERVICES

▶ DHS Home
▶ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services Home
▶ Consumers & Clients - Individuals & Families
▶ NJ FamilyCare
▶ Lead Poisoning Prevention Resource Materials
▶ NJ Medicaid
▶ Information for Providers & Stakeholders: Contracts, Legal Notices
▶ News, Publications, Reports & Resources
▶ Division Staff & Contact Information
▶ Public Advisory Boards, Commissions & Councils

[DHS Home](#) > [Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services](#) > [Consumers & Clients - Individuals & Families](#) > [Personal Preference Program \(PPP\)](#)

Personal Preference Program (PPP)

The New Jersey Personal Preference Program (PPP) offers an alternative way for NJ FamilyCare Plan A members who qualify for the Personal Care Assistant (PCA) services benefit to remain in their home and active in their community, and does not require the use of a home health care agency.

PCA services are non-emergency, health related tasks through NJ FamilyCare. Tasks include help with activities of daily living (ADLs) and with household duties essential to the patient's health and comfort, such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and light housekeeping.

Through a monthly budget, you work with a financial consultant to develop a monthly budget, through which you will decide the services you need and the individuals and/or agencies you wish to hire to provide the identified services. If you are cognitively impaired or unable to make decisions on your own, you can choose an authorized representative to assist you.

The PPP also provides fiscal management services to assist you with the financial aspects of the program. PCG Public Partnerships, LLC (PPL) is the fiscal intermediary (FI) for the PPP, and is responsible for handling payroll responsibilities, acting as a bookkeeping service, processing time sheets and issuing paychecks to your workers.

The PPP requires greater individual responsibility, but in return, offers you greater control, flexibility and choice over the services you receive.

WHY CHOOSE THE PERSONAL PREFERENCE PROGRAM?

PPP allows you:

- ▶ Choose the home care services you want;
- ▶ Hire workers, including people you know/trust such as friends, relatives and neighbors;
- ▶ Schedule services to meet your individual needs;
- ▶ Exercise greater independence and control over your life.

USING YOUR MONTHLY BUDGET

You may use your monthly budget for:

- ▶ Employment of individuals, including family members, to provide personal assistance;
- ▶ Cleaning services from private companies to clean your home's personal areas including bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, etc.;
- ▶ Errand service to assist with banking, shopping, post office and other types of routine tasks; and,
- ▶ Laundry service from a laundromat or other provider.
- ▶ Services from a home health agency;
- ▶ Equipment, small appliance, technology or other items that increase independence (e.g., microwave oven or washing machine); and,
- ▶ Supplies and equipment that promote or enhance independence that are not covered by Medicaid.

Related Links

- [PPP Fact Sheet](#)
- [PPL News](#)
- [PPL Program Documents](#)
- [PPL Employee Timesheet](#)
- [PPL Timesheet Instructions](#)
- [PPL Payment Schedule](#)
- [PPL Better Online Portal](#)
- [IRS Pub # 926](#)



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be:

- NJ FamilyCare Plan A eligible
- Approved for Personal Care Assistant Services (PCA), and need PCA services for at least six months.
- Able to self-direct services or choose a representative who can act on his/her behalf

TO APPLY

If you are enrolled in a NJ FamilyCare health plan, please contact your health plan to request a PCA assessment for enrollment into PPP.

Aetna Better Health of New Jersey	1-855-232-3596
AMERIGROUP New Jersey, Inc.	1-855-661-1996
Horizon NJ Health	1-855-465-4777
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	1-800-645-9409
WellCare	1-855-642-6185

STATE PROGRAM OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
P.O. Box 712
Trenton, NJ 08625
Telephone: 609-631-2481
Fax: 609-588-3806



[Contact Us](#) | [Privacy Notice](#) | [Legal Statement & Disclaimers](#) | [Accessibility Statement](#) 

Department: [DHS Home](#) | [DHS Services A to Z](#) | [Consumers & Clients - Individuals and Families](#) | [Important Resources](#) | [Divisions & Offices](#) | [Commissioner & Key Staff](#) | [Disaster & Emergency Help & Information](#) | [Press Releases, Public and Legislative Affairs, & Publications](#) | [Providers & Stakeholders: Contracts, Legal Notices, Licensing, MedComms](#) | [Get Involved with DHS!](#) | [Notice of Non-Discrimination](#) | [Taglines for Language Services](#)

Statewide: [NJHome](#) | [Services A to Z](#) | [Departments/Agencies](#) | [FAQs](#)

Copyright © State of New Jersey, 1996 - 2008