

Programs Managed by the Community Services Bureau

- Personal Assistance Services (optional)
- Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services (optional)
- Home and Community-Based Waiver (optional)
- Home Health (mandatory)
- Hospice (optional)



Personal Assistance Services (PAS)

Medically necessary in-home services provided to consumers whose acute or chronic health problems cause them to have functional limitations in performing activities of daily living.





PAS Eligibility

- Must have a need for some hands-on personal care in order to qualify
- Must be eligible for Full Medicaid
- Hours are authorized independent of what a physician may order



PAS Services

- Hands on assistance with:
 - Activities of daily living (ADL's): bathing, grooming, transfers, dressing, feeding, medication assist, exercise, toileting, meal preparation etc.
 - Med Escort
- Instrumental ADL's such as:
 - Shopping: medically necessary supplies and groceries
 - Household Tasks: light housekeeping, laundry, dishes, etc.



Authorization Process

Both agency-based and self-directed Personal Assistance Programs require prior authorization
by

Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation

1-800-268-1145

Fax 800-268-5767

A referral must be submitted to
initiate the screening process

Service Limits

- Bathing limit – 3 times a week
- 40 hours a week limit
- Household tasks cannot exceed 1/3 of total state plan PAS or be more than 3 hours, whichever is greater
 - Shopping + Laundry + Housecleaning < 3 hours





Role of Mountain Pacific Quality Health (MPQH) Formerly known as “The Foundation”

For PAS:

- Hours are authorized by an RN
- Receives referral documents and confirms Medicaid eligibility
- Makes initial onsite visit
- Reviews amendments submitted for requests for more time based on medical necessity
- Conducts annual reviews

Role of Mountain Pacific Quality Health (MPQH), continued

In addition to PAS/SDPAS, MPQH:

- Determines Level of Care For HCBS Waiver
- Prior Authorizes Home Health





Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver

- A consumer-driven, case managed service which enables individuals to receive services at home in lieu of receiving services in a nursing facility or hospital setting.
- The HCBS Waiver is waitlisted.
- Consumers must meet NF LOC, be Medicaid eligible, have an SSA disability determination or be 65 and older.

Common HCBS Waiver Services

- Case Management
- Homemaker
- Habilitation training
- Assisted Living
- Respite
- Social transportation
- Private Duty Nursing



HCBS – PAS Connection

HCBS Waiver services can be provided for:

- Extended Services
 - HCBS consumer requires more than 40 hours of ADL support
- Socialization
 - Time to just socialize or go on an outing
- Supervision
 - Time to provide general supervision
- Specially Trained Attendants
 - Higher level of attendant needed due to disability





Accessing the HCBS Waiver

- Contact local case management teams, or
- Contact Regional Program Officers at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/services/communityservices/index.shtml>, or
- Call Information and Assistance at (800) 551-3191, or
- Call MPQH at 800-219-7035 or Fax (800) 413-3890

Medicaid Home Health

Skilled nursing or therapy services for individuals who need and want home-based care

- Skilled nursing
- Physical, Speech and Occupational therapy
- Home Health Aides
- Specialized Equipment
- Prior authorization required, conducted by MPQH

1-800-219-7035 or fax (800) 413-3890





Medicaid Hospice

Palliative care program for recipients with terminal illness;

- Must be certified by a physician to have a life expectancy of less than 6 months
- Consumer selects hospice and waives all Medicaid benefits related to curative care
- Can be concurrently enrolled in other programs (PAS, Waiver, etc)
- Can receive hospice in a nursing facility



Montana Aging Services Network

- Free assistance for seniors:
 - State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
 - Adult Protective Services
 - Legal Services
 - Long Term Care Ombudsman
 - Information about available services
- Toll free to Area Agencies on Aging
(800) 551-3191



Accessing Nursing Facility Placement

- Contact the local nursing facility
- Facilities list can be found under “Long-Term Care Facilities” at: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/qad/healthcarefacilitieslist/index.shtml>, or
- Contact MPQH at (800) 219-7035 or fax (800) 413-3890.



Questions???

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