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- Executive Office of Elder Affairs
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- LifePath, Inc.



“Words aren’t enough to describe how hard, stressful, and challenging it is to take care of an aging loved one—especially those with cognitive conditions. I really commend this agency for providing caregiving support and promoting quality of life to older adults and those with disabilities.”

At LifePath, we listen first, and then help each person find the best options for their unique needs. We help elders and persons with disabilities maintain independence and quality of life in their own homes and communities. We help caregivers to find relief and help loved ones to choose the right path.

For over 40 years, we’ve been offering options for independence. We welcome all people regardless of race, physical appearance or ability, sex, age, nationality or ancestry, class, religious or political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

LifePath, a private, nonprofit corporation, serves Franklin County plus Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, and Royalston. Some of LifePath programs extend into Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester counties.

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Who can benefit from the Money Management Program?

The Money Management Program assists elders and persons with disabilities who have difficulty writing checks or managing their basic living expenses for many reasons, including vision difficulties, memory difficulties, and physical disabilities.

A trained volunteer can provide bill-payer services, assisting elders and persons with disabilities with:

- Writing checks
- Balancing a checkbook
- Sorting bills
- Developing a budget
- Monitoring income and expenses
- Developing a repayment plan

Individuals receiving bill-payer services retain the authority to sign their own checks.



Who is eligible?

Residents of Franklin County or the towns of Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, or Royalston who are age 60 or older or have a disability with:

- An income of less than \$44,750 per year for a single person or \$51,100 per year for a couple (*updated February 2016*)
- Liquid assets of less than \$35,000

How does the program work?

- An elder or a person with a disability, or someone on their behalf, calls the Money Management Program to request bill-payer or representative payee assistance.
- If the person qualifies for the program, they are matched with a volunteer as one becomes available.
- Program safeguards are in place, such as screening of volunteers and account monitoring.
- If the person does not qualify for the program, LifePath's Information & Caregiver Resource Center can suggest other options.

"Thank you for helping me with my mother. This is all a new experience for her having outside help at her house."

Volunteering

"This work is not only interesting, but highly rewarding."

—Current Money Management Program volunteer

Volunteers are at the core of the Money Management Program. Volunteers get to experience a hands-on connection with individuals in need.

There are three types of volunteers:

1. Bill payers, who are matched with specific clients
2. Office aides
3. Monitors

Ongoing training and support are provided to volunteers by the Money Management Program director.

Who can volunteer?

Anyone can apply to volunteer for the Money Management program. Volunteering requires a few hours per month, and the schedule is flexible.