

More information and volunteering:

LifePath welcomes all inquiries about our PCA Program. Please get in touch with us to learn more about how the PCA Program can provide you with the support you need.

The PCA Program also welcomes volunteers who would like to train as surrogates for our consumers.



*“PCA services have
been a great help to
my daily living.”*

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.

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Personal Care Attendant Program

Home care for people of all ages with disabilities

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What is Personal Care Assistance?

Personal Care Assistance means helping people with disabilities perform their day-to-day activities in the home.

- Consumers may be over or under 60.
- Consumers find and hire their own personal care attendant (PCA) and pay them with funding from MassHealth.
- Many consumers need help managing the employment of PCAs. Surogates (family members, friends, or volunteers) can help hire, train, and supervise their PCAs.

"I don't believe I would be here if it wasn't for LifePath. They saved my life."



"I would recommend the PCA program to a friend."



The PCA Program at LifePath

- The PCA Program helps qualified applicants apply for PCA approval from MassHealth.
- All potential consumers are screened for eligibility.
- Consumers and surrogates are provided with orientation and skills training to help them learn about the PCA Program.
- PCA skills trainers provide ongoing support, including home visits and additional training upon request.
- Our nurses and occupational therapists evaluate each consumer to determine how much help they need.

"The PCAs are very respectful and helpful."

How do I qualify for Personal Care Assistance?

Eligible consumers must:

- Have a chronic disabling disease or permanent disability
- Be eligible for MassHealth Standard or Commonhealth
- Need physical assistance in at least two of the following areas: mobility/transfers, bathing/grooming, dressing/undressing, medications, toileting, and passive range-of-motion exercises
- Be able to supervise their PCAs or have a surrogate assist in supervising their PCAs