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Elderly and Individuals with Physical Disabilities (EPD) Waiver Program

What is the EPD Waiver Program?

The EPD waiver program is a choice program for the elderly and individuals with physical disabilities who are able to safely receive supportive services in a home and community-based setting. The beneficiary or authorized representative can choose a provider of services from the approved directory.

Who is eligible for the EPD Waiver Program?

- Must be DC Medicaid eligible with income of 300% of SSI;
- Must require assistance with activities of daily living (bathing, grooming, etc.)
- Must be elderly (65 years of age or older); or
- Must be 18 to 64 years old and diagnosed as having a physical disability.

What are the approved services provided under the EPD Waiver Program?

- Case Management Services – Case Managers screen and evaluate the beneficiary to assess whether they are in need of EPD waiver services. Case Managers also help the beneficiary to obtain services that support choice, independence, dignity, and confidentiality. These individuals manage and coordinate the services with the beneficiary, family members, other waiver providers, and medical personnel.
- Personal Care Aide Services – Personal Care Aides provide assistance with bathing, grooming, dressing, toileting, eating, and ambulating. They may also assist with errands, meal preparation, and light housekeeping.
- Respite Services – Respite Aides provide supervision, and/or assistance with activities of daily living for waiver beneficiaries in the temporary absence of the primary caregiver. The beneficiary must notify the case manager and direct care provider in advance when respite services are needed, and services are limited to 480 hours per year.

• **Homemaker Services** – Homemakers provide general household activities such as meal preparation, housekeeping, and running errands. Homemakers **DO NOT** provide any hands on personal care.

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• **Chore Services** – Chore Aides provide one time, non-medical household tasks, such as washing floors, windows, and walls, trash removal, and rearranging furniture in order to provide safe access and egress. Chore Aides **DO NOT** provide hands-on personal care, meal preparation, grocery shopping, or respite services.

• **Personal Emergency Response Services (PERS)** – PERS is a system that summons assistance from a friend, relative, or an emergency services provider (police, fire, or ambulance). Each system is comprised of three basic units: (a) portable help button; (b) console or receiving base; and (c) response center. **PERS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED** to an individual who is unable to understand and/or demonstrates proper use of the system.

• **Assisted Living** – The assisted living service provides hands-on care in an assisted living residence of both a supportive and health related nature. This service does not include room and board expenditures.

• **Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Services (EAA)** – This service provides physical adaptations (bathroom rails, stair climber, porch lift, small wood ramp, specialized accommodating medical equipment and supplies) that are necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individual. Individuals must first apply through the Handicap Accessibility Improvement Program of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development.

Who do I contact to receive more information about the EPD Waiver Program?

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