

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN: THE CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CDPAP) AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICES (PCS)



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CDPAP and PCS are both Medicaid services that provide home care for individuals who need assistance. The goals of both programs are the same: to assist consumers with maintaining their independence and remaining in their home. However, the types of services that can be provided and who can provide these services are different. **Consumers should understand these differences before making a choice between CDPAP and PCS.** The chart below provides a brief comparison of these programs. More information can be found on CDPAP website at: health.ny.gov/CDPAP.

PLEASE NOTE: CDPAP eligibility and services are **NOT** changing as part of the Statewide Fiscal Intermediary (SFI) transition. Consumers who wish to continue using CDPAP can remain enrolled but are required to register with PPL, New York's SFI.

My caregiver can be a close personal relative, including a parent (of an adult consumer), son, daughter, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.	YES	NO
As the consumer, I am in charge of employing my caregiver. This includes hiring, scheduling, and training.	YES	NO
My caregiver is allowed to assist with taking health measurements such as temperature, pulse, blood pressure, sugar and glucose tests, etc., the self-administration of medications, and other services described as skilled nursing services.	YES	NO
My caregiver will be required to complete training (minimum 40 hours) and competency evaluations.	NO	YES
If I choose to switch between CDPAP and PCS, I will need a new authorization for services , including a new Person-Centered Service Plan and plan of care. I need to complete this process to avoid any disruption to my services.	YES	YES

Questions may be directed to: StatewideFI@health.ny.gov. For more information visit: health.ny.gov/CDPAP