

Services for Seniors and People with Physical Disabilities

Home Care

In-Home Services - Many of the services needed for people to stay in their home are personal assistance services provided by staff hired directly by the person in need. The staff person is referred to as a Home Care Worker (HCW). The client hires the HCW as their employee. The HCW must be qualified to provide services and must pass a criminal records check. The employer (the client) develops job descriptions, trains and supervises the HCW and maintains employee records. A client may hire an hourly HCW to assist them in meeting their ADL needs and other common tasks. If client needs warrant, a live-in HCW may be hired to provide 24-hour care. (In very limited circumstances, the spouse of the client may provide care. This is referred to as “spousal pay”.) SPD develops the service plans, processes the necessary forms for the providers, completes the criminal records check, and approves and makes provider payments. People employed as Home Care Workers are members of Service Employees’ International Union (SEIU) Local 99.

Relative Foster Care – Services are provided by a family member of the client in the family member’s home.

24-Hour Community Facilities

Commercial Adult Foster Care - These services are provided in home-like settings licensed for five or fewer unrelated people. Homes may specialize in their services, such as serving ventilator dependent residents.

Residential Care Facilities - These facilities are licensed 24-hour care settings serving 6 or more residents. Facilities range in size from 6 beds to over 100.

Contract residential care facilities provide specialized care to targeted groups, like people who need Alzheimer’s care.

Assisted Living Facilities - These facilities are licensed 24-hour care settings for six or more residents that include private apartments. Services are comparable to residential care facilities with special focus on resident independence and choice. Registered nurse consultation services are required by regulation.

Providence Elder Place - Providence Elder Place is a capitated Medicare/Medicaid Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), which provides an integrated program for acute and long-term care services. Seniors served in this program generally attend adult day care services and live in a variety of care settings. The Elder Place program is responsible for providing and coordinating their clients’ full health and long-term care needs in all of these settings.

Nursing Facilities

Nursing facilities provide 24-hour comprehensive care for people who need assistance with activities of daily living and ongoing nursing care either due to age, physical disability or developmental disability. Nursing facilities provide a range of services from skilled rehabilitative care, to long-term custodial care and end-of-life care. Licensed nurse services are present 24 hours a day.