

Did You Know?



If you live in Otsego County and qualify for home care with Medicaid and wish to remain at home, but would like more control over the

support services you receive, the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program may offer you this opportunity.

NY Connects Office of Otsego County and adjunct agencies coordinate the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP)

This may be your opportunity to take control over the services you receive. This program enables you to take responsibility for the hiring and supervision of your caregiver.

Admission to the CDPAP depends on your needs as determined at the time of the assessment as well as one's ability to make informed choices for themselves or have someone to act in this capacity for them.



For More Information

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Of Otsego County

**Consumer Directed
Personal Assistance
Program**

Who will qualify?

Persons wishing to participate in this program must meet the following criteria:

1. Be eligible for long term care services provided by a certified home health agency (CHHA), AIDS home care program or Personal Care Aide Program.
2. Be eligible for medical assistance (Medicaid).
3. Be medically stable.
4. Be determined by NY Connects of Otsego County to be in need of home care services or private duty nursing and is willing and able to make informed choices regarding their care needs OR have a designated representative available and willing to make said informed choices.
5. Meet such other criteria, as established to effectively implement the objectives of this program.

Training Program

Consumers of the CDPAP must participate in training. The training will be geared toward the employment relationship between each participant and his/her attendant which is done by the adjunct agency at the time of orientation.

A manual is provided as a guide for reference to individuals choosing to participate in the program.

The manual will include areas such as:

- a. Recruiting and training an attendant.
- b. Maintaining an employer /employee relationship
- c. Problem solving.
- d. Locating back-up caregivers and avoiding breaks in services.

Assessments

1. An Initial Assessment will be completed by a caseworker from NY Connects of Otsego County and a Registered Professional Nurse once we receive completed physician's orders.
2. Reassessments are done at least every six months in the same manner as the Initial Assessment.

Who can you hire?

The paid attendant or caregiver CANNOT be:

- Spouse
- parent of an eligible individual under 21 years old; or
- designated representative.

