

After I receive the letter, how can I find someone to help me?

- You may hire a relative or friend, or find someone new to you.
- You can find new people by advertising in a newspaper, or by putting notices on bulletin boards or in newsletters.
- You can contact your county's Public Authority for assistance in finding someone to work for you. Their phone number appears in the county government listings under **Public Authority – IHSS.**

What does the Public Authority do?

The Public Authority maintains a registry of homecare providers and provides access to training for people who receive in-home supportive services and the people who care for them.

In-Home Supportive Services

For more information about IHSS,
Call 1-800-952-5253 or
1-800-952-8349 (TDD), select
③ for public social service programs
and then select
⑤ for IHSS.

*Do you need help with
household chores and
personal care?*



**The In-Home Supportive
Services (IHSS) Program
Provides These Services**

What is IHSS?

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program provides personal and household services to aged, blind or disabled individuals who have limited ability to care for themselves but who could live in their own home with some help.

Who is eligible?

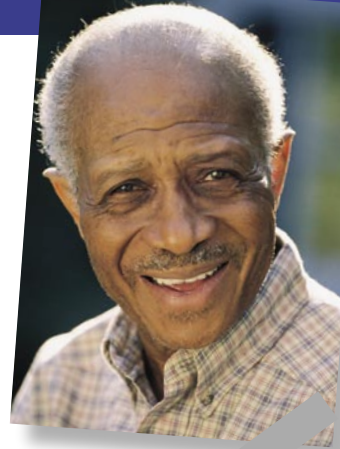
You may be eligible for the program if you:

- Are 65 years old or over, or are legally blind or disabled.
- Receive or are eligible for the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment Program (SSI/SSP), or meet the requirements for SSI except for income. If you do not qualify for SSI, your income and property will determine your eligibility for IHSS.
- Need assistance to remain safe in your own home.

What services are offered?

Federal, state and county funds are used to pay someone to come to your home and help you with the following tasks:

- **Household chores**, such as house cleaning, changing bed linen, laundry, meal preparation and clean-up, food shopping and other errands.
- **Personal care services**, such as help with bathing, grooming, dressing, eating, getting in and out of bed, moving around one's home, bowel/bladder care, breathing, medications, cosmetic care, and escorting to medical appointments and alternative resources.



How do I apply for the IHSS program?

Check your local telephone book for the county government listings for the social services or health and human services agency. Look for **senior or adult programs - IHSS**. Call the "intake" or adult programs number and you will be referred to the person who can determine whether you would be eligible for the IHSS program.

What happens next?

A county social worker will come to your home to interview you and find out what type of help you need, if any. If the social worker determines that help is needed, you will receive a letter that lists the types of services you can receive and the number of hours someone can be paid to work for you.



IHSS Task Grid - Meals and Cleaning

Provider Name: _____		Month: _____ Total Authorized Hours for Month: _____												
Day of the week: _____														
Date: _____														
Hours scheduled for day: _____														
Meals	Meal preparation													
	Help with eating													
	Wash dishes and clean up kitchen													
	Menu planning/shopping list													
	Shopping for food													
Cleaning	Empty trash													
	Clean kitchen surfaces/appliances													
	Throw out spoiled food													
	Make bed													
	Change linen													
	Clutter management/tidy up													
	Dust													
	Clean bathroom													
	Sweep/vacuum													
	Mop													
	Laundry/ironing													

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IHSS CONSUMER AND PROVIDER JOB AGREEMENT

1. This job agreement is between:

Employer (Print consumer name) and _____
Employee (Print provider name)

2. The consumer and provider agree to the following general principles.

The consumer agrees to:

- Assign and direct the work of the provider
- Give the provider advance notice, whenever possible, when hours or duties change
- Only ask the provider to do work for the consumer
- Sign the provider's time sheet if it reflects the hours that were worked

The provider agrees to:

- Perform the agreed-upon tasks and duties (see duties and responsibilities below)
- Call the consumer as soon as possible if they are late, sick or unable to work
- Come to work on time (see hours of work below)
- Not make personal or long distance phone calls while at work
- Not ask to borrow money or ask for cash advance
- Give the consumer two weeks notice, whenever possible, before leaving the job

3. The provider will be paid at the rate set by the county for IHSS providers.

4. The total number of hours per week for this job are _____.

5. The hours of work for this job are shown below. Changes in the scheduled days and times are to be negotiated by both parties, with advance notice.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Start							
End							

6. Will consumer pay provider for gas used to drive to shopping or medical appointments?

____ No
____ Yes

7. Does consumer have a Share-of-Cost?

____ No
____ Yes

If yes, indicate maximum amount: _____

8. The duties and responsibilities for this job are shown below. The consumer should mark the tasks they need the provider to do and show how often the task needs to be done (D=Daily, W=Weekly, M=Monthly, O=Other). If a task needs to be done on a different schedule, the consumer should write this in next to the task.

D=Daily

W=Weekly

M=Monthly

O=Other



Meals

- ___ Prepare meals
- ___ Meal cleanup
- ___ Wash dishes
- ___ Help with eating



Cleaning and Laundry

- ___ Empty trash
- ___ Wipe counter
- ___ Clean sinks
- ___ Clean stove top
- ___ Clean oven
- ___ Clean refrigerator
- ___ Vacuum/sweep
- ___ Dust
- ___ Mop kitchen & bathroom floors
- ___ Clean bathroom
- ___ Make bed
- ___ Change bed linen
- ___ Routine laundry wash, dry, fold and put away laundry
- ___ Heavy house cleaning (one-time only with approval from IHSS)



Shopping

- ___ Grocery shopping
- ___ Other shopping errands



Non-Medical Personal Services

- ___ Dressing
- ___ Grooming and oral hygiene
- ___ Bathing
- ___ Bed baths
- ___ Bowel and bladder care
- ___ Menstrual care
- ___ Help with walking
- ___ Move in and out of bed
- ___ Help on/off seat or in/out of vehicle
- ___ Repositioning
- ___ Rub skin
- ___ Care/assistance with prosthesis
- ___ Respiration assistance
- ___ Other personal services:



Paramedical Services

- ___ Administration of medication
- ___ Blood sugar checks
- ___ Injections
- ___ Other paramedical services:



Transportation Services

- ___ Escorting to medical appointments
- ___ Escorting to alternative resources

The consumer and provider, by signing this document, agree to the terms outlined above. If the agreement changes, both parties will initial and date the changes.

Consumer Signature

Provider Signature

Date

Phone Number

Date

Phone Number