

**(PA) Personal Assistants and Homecare Aides**

**For Disabled - Up to 59 Years Old = (PA) Personal Assistant**

**For 60 Years & Older = Homecare Aides thru AAA/Community Care Program**

**(PA) Personal Assistant (Disabled Up to 59 Years Old)**

**Patient will need to contact DHS/DRS at 217-782-4830 to Apply for a (PA) Personal Asst. Patient will work with a Doctor and Nurse to obtain the proper medical documentation for applying for a PA (Physical History and all Supporting documentation).**

It can take more than a year to get a PA. Please ensure all appropriate supporting medical documentation is provided. After all documentation is available, please fax all supporting medical documentation to DHS/DRS at 217-524-0758.

**NOTE:** Please be sure to note on the fax cover sheet, “**Personal Assistant Request**”, “**STAT**” or “**URGENT – PLEASE EXPEDITE DUE TO PATIENTS IMMEDIATE NEEDS**”.

If Application is complete and DHS/DRS receives all supporting medical documentation, it can then be Reviewed by a Counselor and Approved or Denied at that time.

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**Personal Asst. over 60 Years Old = Homecare Aides thru AAA/Community Care Program:**

**Patient will need to contact (Area Agency on Aging/CCP-Community Care Program) at 217-787-9234 to Apply for a Homecare Aide.**

The **Care Coordination Unit** will send a **Care Coordinator** to your home at no cost to discuss your needs and goals, and to help you choose what services may be right for you.

**Services include:** In-Home Services, Adult Day Service, Emergency Home Response Service (similar to First Alert for those on Medicaid), and Senior Companion Service.

If you qualify for CCP services, the Care Coordination Unit will work with you to determine your needs, set up services that are appropriate for you and keep in touch with you to make sure the services continue to meet your needs.

**Eligibility:** You are age 60 or older; you are determined physically in need of service, meaning that you are at least moderately impaired; you are a Resident of the State of IL; you are a U.S. Citizen or legal alien; you meet the asset requirements, which will be explained to you when the Care Coordinator comes to your home; and you apply for Medical Benefits.