

ATTENDANT SERVICES PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

It is the purpose of the Attendant Services Program to foster independence by paying for attendant services to eligible adult Vermonters residing in settings where such services are not otherwise available. It is also the purpose of the Attendant Services Program to enable its participants to exercise as much control as they can over the direction and provision of their attendant services. ASP participants (or agents under Personal Services) must be able and willing to hire, train, schedule and supervise their own attendants.

ASP programs and eligibility criteria:

General Fund Participant Directed Attendant Services

- (1) Have a permanent and severe disability; and
- (2) Need attendant services for at least two activities of daily living; and
- (3) Be capable of directing his or her attendant care services.
- (4) Apply and be found ineligible for services from other Medicaid-funded personal care or attendant care services programs

Medicaid Participant Directed Attendant Services

- (1) Be denied Choices for Care and be eligible for Medicaid.
- (2) Have a permanent and severe disability; and
- (3) Need attendant services for at least two activities of daily living; and
- (4) Be capable of directing his or her attendant care services;
- (5) Be able and willing to employ attendants other than his/her spouse or civil union partner; and

General Fund Personal Services

- (1) Have a disability;
- (2) Need attendant services for at least one activity of daily living, or meal preparation; and
- (3) Be eligible for Medicaid and
- (4) Be an active participant in ASP, have a continued need for attendant services and be ineligible for other sources of attendant services.

Applicants to the general fund programs may be placed on a chronological waiting list depending on eligibility and funding. The ASP Eligibility Committee reviews all assessments and authorizes service awards based on a determination of the applicant's needs and the availability of other services.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

By signing this application you give permission, as you indicate, for the Department to obtain and share any personal and financial information necessary to determine your eligibility for and the amount of services. All information will be respected as confidential and will be used solely to facilitate receiving services. You may revoke your consent at any time by contacting the Department.

OBLIGATIONS & PAYROLL

You must know and agree to comply with the rules and regulations governing the Attendant Services Program. You will be responsible for submitting payroll information required by the State.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you disagree with a decision of the eligibility committee or the Department, you have the right to request an informal review, a formal review by the Commissioner; or a fair hearing from the Human Services Board.