

  
Independent @ Home Program  
**Common Terms, Definitions and Acronyms**

**Consumer Directed Personal Assistant Service (CDPAS):**

The provision of some or total assistance with personal care services, home health aide services and skilled nursing tasks by a Personal Assistant under the instruction, supervision and direction of a Community Member or their Designated Representative.

**Community Member (CM):**

A medical assistance recipient who a social services district has determined eligible to participate in the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program.

**Designated Representative (DR):**

An adult to whom a self-directing Community Member has delegated authority to instruct, supervise and direct the Personal Assistant and to perform the Community Member's other responsibilities.

**Personal Assistant (PA):**

An adult who provides consumer directed personal assistance to a Community Member under their or their Designated Representative's instruction, supervision and direction.

**Fiscal Intermediary (FI):**

An entity (Independent @ Home) that has a contract with a social services district to provide wage and benefit processing for Personal Assistants and any other responsibilities specified.

**Plan of Care (POC):**

A document developed after evaluating a Community Member that identifies the nursing diagnoses to be addressed. The POC includes objectives, interventions, and a time frame for accomplishment and evaluation. Personal Assistants will look to the POC for a list of what personal care each Community Member needs.

**Activities of Daily Living (ADLs):**

Routine activities that people tend to do every day, including eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, walking (transferring) and continence.

**Self-Directing Consumer:**

A Community Member who is capable of making choices regarding his/her activities of daily living and the type, quality and management of his/her consumer directed personal assistance; understands the impact of these choices; and assumes responsibility for the results of these choices.

**Skilled Nursing Tasks:**

Tasks that are within the scope of practice of a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse and that a Personal Assistant may perform pursuant to Section 6908 of the Education Law.

**Personal Care Service (PCS):**

The nutritional and environmental support functions, personal care functions, or both such functions.

**Stable Medical Condition:**

A condition that is not expected to exhibit sudden deterioration or improvement and does not require frequent medical or nursing evaluation or judgment to determine changes in the consumer's plan of care.

**Some Assistance:**

A specific personal care service, home health aide service or skilled nursing task performed or completed by the Community Member with help from another individual.

**Total Assistance:**

A specific personal care service, home health aide service or skilled nursing task performed or completed for the Community Member.