



## PERSONAL ASSISTANT SERVICES CRITERIA

### ***Elderly & Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver***

This program includes support coordination, environmental accessibility, personal emergency response, transition services and companion service and is awarded to those elderly and disabled individuals who meet program eligibility.

**Eligibility** for this program requires individuals to be 65 years or older who meet Medicaid financial eligibility, nursing facility level of care, and imminent risk criteria. Individuals MAY also be between ages 21-64 with a disability according to Medicaid or SSI disability standards, meet nursing facility level of care, and imminent risk criteria.

**Enrolling** into the program requires individuals to call the Long Term Care Help Line at 1-877-456-1146 and being placed on the EDA Request for Services Registry. Priority is given to those who are in nursing facilities. After approval for the program consumers are then able to choose their support coordinator and service provider (s).

### ***New Opportunities (NOW) Waiver***

This program is designed to enhance home and community based supports with services including supported living, personal emergency response, skilled nursing services, respite care, specialized medical equipment, day habilitation, employment training, and community integration. The program is offered on a first come first serve basis to individuals who meet eligibility.

**Eligibility** for this program requires individuals to meet ICF/DD level of care for medical and/or psychological criteria. Individuals MUST be 3 years of age or older with a disability that developed PRIOR to age 22. Eligibility is also based on income of household.

**Enrolling** in this program requires individuals to call the Office for Citizens with Development Disabilities at 1-866-783-5553 to be placed on the Developmental Disability Request for Service Registry. Once approved consumers are then able to choose their support coordinator and service provider (s).

### ***Long-Term Personal Care Programs (LT-PCS)***

This program supplements the family and or the community supports available to maintain an individual in the community. It assists with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) as well as other instrumental activities and medical appointment assistance.

**Eligibility** for this program requires individuals to be fully Medicaid eligible AND aged 65 years or older OR 21 years of age or older with a disability. Individuals must meet requirements for nursing facility level of care, require assistance with Activities of Daily Living, are likely to be admitted into a nursing home, have a primary care giver who has a disability or is aged 70 or older, and face serious risk that will get worse if they aren't able to get home and community-based services.

**Enrolling** for this program requires individuals to call the Louisiana Option in Long Term Care Help Line at 1-877-456-1146. Once approved consumers are then able to choose their support coordinator and service provider (s).

### ***State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS)***

This program provides personal assistance to persons with significant disabilities in order to support and enhance their employability and/or avoid inappropriate and unnecessary institutionalization. Individuals are assisted with routine bodily functions, dressing, food preparation, housecleaning, laundry, bathing, and other daily activities.

**Eligibility** for this program requires individuals to have significant disabilities aged between 18 and 60. (Limited Slots are available for this program depending on funding)

**Enrolling** for this program requires individuals to call Resources for Independent Living help line at 1-877-505-2260 and provide verification of disability from a treating physician. They must also provide verification of income and be determined economically needy based upon the current federal poverty guidelines.