

State Personal Assistance Services Program

What is the purpose of the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program?

The State Personal Assistance Services program provides personal assistance services to persons with significant disabilities to assist them with their activities of daily living, in order support and to enhance their employability and/or to avoid unnecessary institutionalization

If I qualify, what services can be paid for by this program?

Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Personal care assistance (PCA) needed for Activities of Daily Living
- Assistive technology and equipment necessary for Activities of Daily Living
- Home accessibility modifications
- Vehicle accessibility modifications
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Homemaker Services
- Evaluations
- Medical
- Dental
- Utility assistance, and Rental subsidies that are not covered by any other funding source

Who can qualify for State Personal Assistance Services?

People who:

- Have significant disabilities;
- Are age 18 or older;
- Need goods and/or personal assistance services from this program to prevent or remove the individual from inappropriate placement in an institutional setting or to enhance or maintain the individual's employability;
- Provide verification of the disability from the treating physician;
- Are capable of, or have a legal/personal representative capable of, self-direction. Although the participant is capable of self-directing they may chose a qualified provider agency for services;
- Meet the requirement for economic need which is based on up to 650% of the 2017 U.S. HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household income.

For more information about the State Personal Assistance Program or to apply for services, please call The Arc of Louisiana at 225-383-1033 or 1-866-966-6260.