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NEWSLETTER



FACTS ABOUT FRAUD



Under Minnesota law, theft of any amount of public funds is a felony. PCA service is publicly funded through the state's Medical Assistance program. Both state and federal taxes fund PCA services. PCAs also have a duty to all of the state's taxpayers and citizens.

You are breaking the law if you claim even one hour of PCA services on your time card that you did not provide. This means you must be accurate in the hours of service that you document in EVV.

To avoid fraudulent behavior, only document hours of work:

- When you are present in your role as a PCA
- When you engage in PCA work activity based on the care plan

Do not:

- Accept money when you have not done the work
- Document time in EVV for days you did not provide any PCA services (for example, the person receiving services is in the hospital)
- Document more hours of work with the understanding that the hours will be made up at a later date
- Claim hours without working them, with the understanding that you will share the money with your client this is fraud and should be reported

There are several penalties for falsely claiming hours worked. You may be:

- *Disqualified from working at a job that receives Medicare and Medicaid funding which includes Minnesota Medical Assistance
- *Fired by your employer
- *Prosecuted and convicted of fraud which may affect other jobs in the future
- *Required to repay the money
- *Sent to jail
- *Unable to apply for and receive low-income housing assistance

When you enroll as a PCA with DHS, you must sign a Provider Agreement for Individual Personal Care Assistant form. Your signature indicates you are agreeing to help the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and to give details on payments claimed for services under the Medical Assistance program.

PCA Dress Code - From the SHC Policy and Procedure Manual



The following guidelines regarding dress are in place for the safety of the PCA and the client:

•Street clothes are appropriate dress when working. Clothing should be neat, clean in appearance, and not restrictive to movement. Walking shorts or denim jeans may be worn. Short shorts, tank tops, halter-tops, tube tops and short or shear shirts are not appropriate work apparel. Midriffs should be covered. Low cut tops are not appropriate.

In The Know with John.....

River Valley Project Explore, is a Community Education program designed to serve adults with physical, developmental, and cognitive disabilities, by encouraging inclusion in community activities and providing customized learning, social, and recreational opportunities. For over 25 years, Project Explore has been a leader in providing options for adults with disabilities to participate in activities that are specifically designed to meet their diverse needs. Their mission is to empower adults with disabilities to make valuable contributions to their community as employees, volunteers, learners, and citizens.

Project Explore serves Minnesota cities south of the Twin Cities metro, including Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Lakeville, Randolph, Rosemount, and Savage.

A catalog of activities is available by the following:

Online at - district196.org/projectexplore

Or by calling - **651-423-7931**

Article Submitted to SHC by Client John - via the River Valley Project Explore website

Local Happenings....

Lakeville Farmers Market

Wednesdays 12 pm - 5 pm (June 5 - October 30) 20965 Holyoke Ave Lakeville, MN 55044



Friday Night "Flicks on the Bricks" - Nicollet Commons Park

Seating 8:30 - show begins at dusk 12550 Nicollet Ave Burnsville, MN 55337 8/23/2024 - "Grease"



Minnesota State Fair

8/22/2024 - 9/02/2024

Tickets can be purchased at:

Etix - 800-514-3849 through 8/21/2024

State Fair Grounds Ticket Office - 7/8/2024 - 8/21/2024

Cub Foods Stores - 7/14/2024 - 8/21/2024 (while supplies last)

- •Adults (13-64): \$18
- •Seniors (65+): \$16
- •Kids (5-12): \$16
- •Children (4 and under): Always FREE!





Autumn Grant has been selected for Superior Home Care's Employee of the Month for August 2024. Autumn has been a PCA with Superior Home Care for 17 years. We are grateful for her hard work and dedication!

Thank you, Autumn!



12 - Susan 01 - Antonio 02 - Lori 13 - Veronica 02 - Megan 14 - Mylen 03 - Ramiz 15 - Farhat 04 - Eleanor 15 - Erin 04 - Lisabeth 17 - Hung 04 - Charlene 18 - Kyle 04 - Isabelle 18 - Georgette 05 - Andrew 20 - Ellen 05 - Dillon 20 - Ann 05 - Janet 21 - Elizabeth 05 - David 23 - Caleb 07 - Ryan 23 - Jon 07 - Dominick 25 - Joseph 07 - Melissa 26 - Rana 08 - Robbin 27 - Abigail 28 - Gloryann 08 - Thu Thi 29 - Suzanne 10 - Jack 10 - Richard 30 - Thelma 11 - Reegan 30 - Nancy 12 - Adam 30 - Davilyn



A cowboy rides into town on Friday. He stays three days, then rides out of town on Friday. How?

A: His horse is named Friday.

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