

Applying for Home Help

If you or your loved one need assistance performing daily activities, call or visit the Adult Services unit at your local county MDHHS office.

If you need help finding your local MDHHS office, go to www.michigan.gov/contactMDHHS.



Services Not Covered

The following services are **not** covered by Home Help:

- Heavy housework.
- Home repairs.
- Prompting or reminding someone to complete a task.
- Supervision.
- Transportation.
- Yard work.

County MDHHS Office

Provider Resources

If you have questions regarding provider enrollment in CHAMPS, contact Provider Support at 800-979-4662 or visit the MDHHS Home Help website at:

www.michigan.gov/homehelp



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Home Help Services is a program administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). The program provides funding for qualified individuals to hire someone to assist them with their daily activities. It is designed to support individuals who wish to live independently in their home rather than live in an adult foster care home, home for the aged or nursing facility.

Available Services

Home Help Services may pay for the following activities of daily living:

- Eating or feeding.
- Bathing.
- Dressing.
- Grooming.
- Moving throughout the home.
- Transferring from one position to another.
- Using the toilet.

If you qualify for the program, you may also receive assistance with the following:

- Administering or setting up medicine.
- Laundry.
- Light housework.
- Meal preparation/clean up.
- Shopping for essential items.



Eligibility

To receive Home Help Services, an individual must:

- Have active Medicaid.
- Require physical assistance to perform **at least one** activity of daily living.

Individuals with personal care needs and income that exceeds the Medicaid eligibility standards, may still be eligible for Home Help.

Contact your local MDHHS office, Adult Services unit, and ask about the Personal Care Option.

Assessment of Need

The Adult Services worker will meet with the client to conduct a comprehensive assessment to determine what services are needed and the amount of time it takes to complete each task.

Home Help Service Providers

Recipients of the Home Help program hire and employ their providers. These providers are not employed by MDHHS or the state of Michigan.

Providers must be at least 18 years old and may be a relative, friend, neighbor or health care agency. A client's spouse or a parent caring for a minor child **cannot** be paid by MDHHS to provide care.

Providers must be enrolled in the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) and undergo a criminal history screen before they can be paid. The provider's hourly rate is based on the county where the client resides.

Clients who have difficulty finding a provider may contact the Provider Registry at 800-979-4662.