



**If you or your loved one need assistance performing daily activities, call or visit the adult services unit at your local MDHHS office.**

The Home Help program 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.

The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and provides funding for qualified individuals to hire someone to assist them with their daily activities.

To find your local MDHHS office, visit:  
**[Michigan.gov/ContactMDHHS](https://www.michigan.gov/ContactMDHHS)**.

County MDHHS Office



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# Home Help Services

For Medicaid recipients who need hands-on care and want to live independently.



## Available Services

The Home Help program **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, you **may also receive** assistance with the following:

- ✓ Administering or setting up medicine
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Light housework
- ✓ Meal preparation/clean up
- ✓ Shopping for essential items
- ✓ Travel for shopping/laundry

## 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



## 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 Home Help program for individuals with deductibles.

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## 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 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.

## Provider Resources

If you have questions regarding provider enrollment in CHAMPS, contact Provider Support Services at [800-979-4662](tel:800-979-4662) or visit the MDHHS Home Help provider website at [Michigan.gov/HomeHelp](https://www.michigan.gov/HomeHelp).

