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State COVID-19 Sick Leave Expiring!

The California COVID-19 Sick Leave benefit is still available for IHSS/WPCS providers affected by COVID-19 and is set to expire on 9/30/2022.

COVID-19 Supplemental Sick leave is only available for providers who meet at least one of the qualifying reasons:

1. You are having symptoms of COVID-19 and are seeking a medical diagnosis;
2. You are having COVID-19 symptoms and are subject to quarantine or have been advised to self-quarantine by a health care provider;
3. You are caring for your child whose school or childcare facility has been closed due to COVID-19 precautions and there is no one else available to care for your child;
4. You or your family member that you care for had a medical appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, or COVID-19 vaccination booster;
5. You are experiencing COVID-19 vaccination or COVID-19 vaccination booster related side effects (up to 3 days or up to 24 hours for each vaccination. Part-time providers who work on average less than 40 hours per week will receive reduced hours based on how many hours the providers work in a 2-week pay period).

For more information please reference the provider [notice](#) that was mailed out in March 2022.

<https://www.sanjoaquincares.com/covid-19-information.html>

Looking for Work?

The IHSS Public Authority is currently looking for potential care Providers to join our registry!

⇒ Are you interested in making your own schedule and helping elderly, blind or disabled individuals remain safely in their own home? If you answered yes to the above questions then being a care Provider on our registry may be the perfect fit for you!

If you are already a Provider and are looking for more work, you may not need to complete your DOJ background check and orientation again.

IHSS will pay Providers for the following personal and domestic services, but each recipient has a Notice of Action (NOA) detailing what they have been individually approved for:

**Domestic services *Preparation of meals *Meal clean up *Routine laundry * Shopping for food *Accompaniment to medical appointment *Accompaniment to alternative resources *Protective supervision *Bowel and bladder care *Routine bed baths *Menstrual care *Bathing, Oral hygiene, Grooming *Rubbing skin, repositioning *Care and assistance with prosthesis *Medications *Respiration *Feeding *Dressing *Ambulation * Paramedical Services*

To apply for the registry please start by completing an application. You can find the application on our website or contact Nicole @ 209-468-1747 to receive one by email.

Requirements:

- Submit a completed registry application
- Pass a background check
- Complete a mandated online orientation video and Union meeting
- Attend an over the phone registry presentation

Employment is not guaranteed

NEW Back-Up Provider Registry (BUPS)

Starting Soon!

If you are interested in being placed on the IHSS Public Authority Back-up Provider Registry or have questions please call or email Nicole;
nlinsenbigler@sjgov.org /209-468-1747.

Provider Requirements:

- Be listed on the IHSS PA Registry as “Active” or “Fully Employed”
- Have an active cell phone account.
- Similar experience or certification as a home health aid or as a Certified Nursing Assistant.
- Received additional information via telephone or in person, requirements to be a BUPS provider.
- Can not turn down more 3 requests from the PA within a one year period.
- ♦ Be able to respond to a recipient within a 2 hour period after acceptance of referral.

Program Information; (More to follow in near future):

Certain recipients are able to use this back-up system when they have an urgent need and/or their current provider did not show up and they would be at risk of out of home placement without a provider. When we are notified that an IHSS recipient is in need of a back-up provider we will reference our back-up provider registry to find a match. If you were to be sent to the recipients home to provide back-up services you would receive a \$2 per hour increase in pay. Please keep in mind that workweek caps are still in place if you were to provide care for a client under BUPS.

Direct Deposit

Providers are required to either enroll in direct deposit or a [pay card](#) in order to receive IHSS payment. You can enroll for direct deposit via the [ESP](#) website or by completing and mailing in the [form](#).

[Direct Deposit FAQ](#)

Online Provider Training Platform

The IHSS Public Authority is pleased to announce that we are now offering trainings online via Care Academy! Registration is not required, but if interested, call or email Nicole; nlinsenbigler@sjgov.org / 209-468-1747 .

Training Topics Include:

- Basic Housekeeping Techniques.
- What Does it Mean to be a Professional Caregiver
- Overview of Nutrition and Food Prep
- Managing Job Related Stress
- Assisting with Elimination Needs
- Click [here](#) for more topics

Benefits include:

- Self-paced learning
- Certificates available
- Wide variety of classes
- Access on your phone, tablet or

Upcoming Class

The following training class will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. To register please call or email Nicole; 209-468-1747 / nlinsenbigler@sjgov.org.

- Stress Management Tips

Date/Time: 9/29/2022 from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm

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