

# Public Authority Care Communications

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## **Heat Safety Resources**

With hot weather fast approaching <u>San Joaquin County Public Health</u> has very useful resources when it comes to heat <u>related illness</u> as well as other topics.





## **General IHSS Provider Duties**

As an IHSS provider, you may perform a variety of household tasks including meal planning & preparation, shopping, house cleaning, laundry, personal care, transportation to medical appointments and/or paramedical services. All tasks must be authorized by the IHSS social workers as shown on the recipient's "Notice of Action".

#### **DOMESTIC TASKS**

- \* Vacuuming, dusting & sweeping
- \* Mopping kitchen & bath area
- \* Cleaning stovetop and countertops, in kitchen and bath areas
- \* Cleaning sinks, tub, & toilet
- \* Making beds & changing linens
- \* General tidying up
- \* Laundry (washing & folding, putting away laundry)

#### **MISCALLANEOUS**

- \* Shopping
- \* Errands: bank, post office dry cleaners, etc.
- \* Accompany to appointments

Assistance with changing positions, walking, and/or moving from place to place

#### **PERSONAL CARE**

- \* Bathing
- \* Grooming (hair care, shaving, dental)
- \* Dressing
- \* Feeding and/or assistance with eating
- \* Using the toilet
- \* Bowel/Bladder care
- \* Skin care
- \* Emptying trash
- \* Care and assistance with prosthesis

#### **MEAL PREPERATION**

- \* Miscellaneous
- \* Meal preparation/planning
- \* Meal clean-up

#### Tasks that are not authorized:

Lawn care or gardening, pet care (washing or walking pets), cleaning or cooking for other family members, moving furniture (or any other heavy items), heavy cleaning (unless authorized by social worker), anything that is not on the list of authorized services!

\*Please note that the tasks listed above are general tasks and not all Recipients will be authorized for all of the above services.

## **CalSavers**

CalSavers is available to California workers, like IHSS providers, whose employers do not offer a retirement plan or are self employed. For more information please click <u>here</u>.

## **IHSS Service Referral**

Do you know someone who needs help with domestic and/or personal tasks to remain safety in their own home and avoid out of home placement? To apply for IHSS, the service referral can be completed by either:

- 1. Calling 209-468-1104
- 2. Printing and either mail/fax/drop off forms.

The Public Authority does not receive any service referrals or potential client applications.

## Are You In Need of a Provider?

Are you or someone you know a client who has been approved for IHSS but are in need of provider? The IHSS PA has a registry of providers who are looking to work for IHSS clients. Our registry providers have gone through and application, reference check, background check, and orientation before being added. A provider lists consists of about 5-7 providers who best match up to the needs/ preferences of the client. To request a list please call us at 1-800-491-1996.

The IHSS client is the employer and is responsible for hiring and training their provider(s).

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