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NEW Online Provider Training Platform

The IHSS Public Authority is pleased to announce that we are now offering trainings online via Care Academy!

Training Topics Include:

- Overview of Nutrition and Food Prep
- Managing Job Related Stress
- Assisting with Elimination Needs
- Overview of Skin Care and Wound Prevention
- Assisting with Oral Hygiene
- Introduction to Dementia Care
- Managing a Clean and Healthy Environment (Infection Control)
- Safety Precautions and Fall Prevention (Part 1)
- Safety Precautions and Fall Prevention (Part 2)
- Overview of Transfers and Mobility Equipment
- Communicating with Older Adults
- Assisting with Bathing
- Clients Rights, HIPPA, and Elder Abuse Prevention
- Assisting with Personal Care Through ADLs
- Assisting with Independent Living Through IALDs

Benefits include:

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



If you are interested in our new training platform, please complete this <u>form</u> or contact Nicole at 209-468-1747. Once registered, you'll receive an email from Care Academy with log in instructions.

Please contact Nicole if you have any questions; nlinsenbigler@sigov.org / 209-468-

In-Home Care Providers Wanted!

The IHSS Public Authority is currently recruiting 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 back-ground 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 here. To receive one by email contact Nicole @ 209-468-1747.

Requirements:

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

California COVID Sick Leave

The California COVID-19 Sick Leave benefit is available for IHSS/WPCS providers affected by COVID-19 from 1/1/2021 to 9/30/2021.

COVID-19 Supplemental Sick leave is only available for providers who are unable to work due to at least one of the following reasons:

- 1. You are subject to quarantine or have been given an isolation order.
- 2. You have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine.
- 3. You are having symptoms of COVID–19 and seeking a medical diagnosis.
- 4. You are caring for an individual who is subject to a quarantine or isolation order or has been advised to self-quarantine by a health care provider.
- 5. You are caring for their child whose school or childcare facilities has been closed due to COVID-19 precautions and there is no one else available to care for their child.
- 6. You are experiencing any other substantially similar concerns.
- 7. You had a medical appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
- 8. You are experiencing COVID-19 vaccination related side effects.

Full-time workers (40 hours or more per week) will be eligible to receive 80 hours of paid leave. Part-time workers will receive the average number of hours worked in a two week pay period.

To claim the State COVID-19 supplemental sick leave please complete a <u>TEMP 3021</u> and return to:

San Joaquin County HSA PO Box 201056 Stockton CA 95297

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WPCS providers should return the TEMP 3021 to the Department of Health Care Services.

Provider Sick Leave

IHSS Provider sick leave will reset to 16 hours effective 7/1/2021 and beginning 1/1/2022 sick leave hours will be increased to 24. Please remember that sick leave hours must be used by 6/30/2022 as they reset on 7/1/2022; they do not roll over to the next fiscal year.

If you are a new provider and have not yet earned sick leave hours yet please note that providers must work a total of 100 hours providing services for an IHSS recipient(s) to receive 16 hours of sick leave. Once a provider has worked an addition 200 hours or 60 calendar days pass, whichever comes first, you may then begin using those hours.

Direct Deposit

Beginning July 1, 2022 it will be mandatory for IHSS and WPCS providers to receive their paycheck by direct deposit for all recipients. <u>Letters</u> were emailed and mailed from the state in reference to this change. Providers can sign up for direct deposit on the Electronic Service Portal website (www.etimesheets.ihss.gov), or by completing an SOC 829 and mailing it back to the address provided on the form.

If you need to print an SOC 829 you can reference our website or CDSS.

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