



decision regarding the appropriate number of hours is based on the tasks necessary to meet the specific needs of the individual and the hours necessary to complete those tasks. The regulations provide that PCA services are only warranted when the beneficiaries is "in need of moderate, or greater, hands-on assistance in at least one activity of daily living (ADL), or, minimal assistance or greater in three different ADLs, one of which must require hands-on assistance." N.J.A.C. 10:60-3.1(c). Additionally, instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) "such as meal preparation, laundry, housekeeping/cleaning, shopping, or other non-hands-on personal care tasks shall not be permitted as a stand-alone PCA service." N.J.A.C. 10:60-3.1(c)1. The assessments use the State-approved PCA Nursing Assessment Tool (PCA Tool) to calculate the hours.

Based upon my review of the record and for the reasons set forth in the Initial Decision, I hereby ADOPT the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and FIND that Horizon properly denied Petitioner's request in this matter. The evidence in the record shows that Petitioner's needs can be met with 54 hours of PCA services per week. Petitioner's representative has failed to demonstrate that the number of PCA hours awarded by Horizon were insufficient to meet Petitioner's needs or that exceptional circumstances exist to warrant more than the 54 hours of PCA services awarded.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision of the OAL is ADOPTED as the Final Agency Decision in this matter.

THEREFORE, it is on this 2nd day of AUGUST 2023,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

**Carol A Grant**  
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