

PCA services are non-emergency, health related tasks to help individuals with activities of daily living (ADLs) and with household duties essential to the individual's health and comfort, such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation and light housekeeping. The 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.

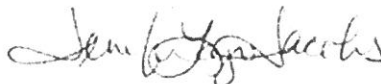
Based upon my review of the record and for the reasons set forth in the Initial Decision, I hereby ADOPT the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and FIND that Amerigroup properly denied Petitioner's request in this matter. The evidence in the record shows that the services requested are not medically necessary in this matter.

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

THEREFORE, it is on this 12th day of SEPTEMBER 2023,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services