

**PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM  
STATEWIDE CONSUMER ADVISORY COUNCIL  
FACT SHEET**

**What is the Personal Assistance Services Consumer Advisory Council?**

The Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) under the supervision of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, is required by law to have a statewide PASP Consumer Advisory Council. The PASP Consumer Advisory Council provides a means for consumers to express opinions and views that will affect the quality of personal assistance services in New Jersey. The PASP Consumer Advisory Council is designed to review and evaluate the effectiveness of the program, and to make recommendations to improve the overall program statewide.

**How often does the Consumer Advisory Council conduct meetings?**

The PASP Consumer Advisory Council has four (4) regularly scheduled meetings located throughout the state, which are usually held in the months of March, May, September and November. The meetings begin at 12:00 noon and last until 3:00 p.m.

**Do Consumer Advisory Council members receive payment for their services?**

Consumer Advisory Council members do not receive compensation for duties performed, but are reimbursed for transportation and other reasonable expenses related to serving as a Council member.

**What are the specific requirements for membership?**

- 19 Members appointed by the Commissioner
- 75% Consumers of personal assistance services
- Initial term limitations decided by the Commissioner: 6 members one-year term; 6 members two-year term and 6 shall serve a three-year term. The Commissioner or designee shall also serve as a member of the advisory council.
- Members eligible for reappointment.

Members must make a commitment to attend regular meetings, make phone contacts, and be able to participate in activities related to making improvements in the PASP program. Membership appointments are made by the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services based on recommendations from the Division of Disability Services.

Representatives shall serve for a term of three years from the date of their appointment, effective on the date of enactment and until their successors are appointed. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments. A member of the council shall be eligible for reappointment.