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## Changes to Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Eligibility Criteria Effective July 1, 2011

In accordance with the [Minnesota Statutes, § 256B.0625, subdivision 19a](#), to qualify for PCA services effective July 1, 2011, recipients must require assistance and be determined dependent in at least two activities of daily living (ADLs) in the areas of: bathing, dressing, eating, grooming, mobility, positioning, toileting, and transfers.

*Note: Level I behavior is no longer included in the PCA access criteria. However, Level I behavior still impacts the home care rating and base unit determination for those individuals that meet the two ADL criteria.*

- UCare members who do not meet the two ADL criteria with an authorization start date of Jan. 1, 2011 or later will have an authorization period that ends June 30, 2011. A PCA reassessment will not be ordered unless there has been a change to the recipient's condition.
- UCare members who are not open to a waiver that do not meet the two ADL criteria and who have a current authorization start date prior to Jan. 1, 2011 will be reassessed by May 31, 2011.
- UCare members who are open to a waiver or who meet the two ADL criteria will continue to be reassessed on their regular reassessment schedule.
- PCA providers are required to submit a PCA reassessment request to UCare or its delegate, 60 days before the service authorization end date.

If a member chooses to appeal a reduction or termination of PCA services and requests that hours are maintained at the previous level during the appeal process, the provider of services may be held financially responsible if the determination results in upholding the health plan appeal or State Fair Hearing.

Please note that we now have PCA forms available online at [www.ucare.org/providers/Pages/Forms.aspx](http://www.ucare.org/providers/Pages/Forms.aspx). The following forms can be found under the "Authorization and Referral Forms" sub-header:

- PCA Assessment Request Form.
- PCA Authorization Transfer Form.
- PCA Provider Change Request Form.

If you have any further questions regarding this *health lines* BULLETIN, please contact UCare's Clinical Services Department at **612-676-6705** or **1-877-447-4384** (toll free).