

County of Orange Social Services Agency
Family Self-Sufficiency/Adult Services/In-Home Supportive Services

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POLICY

The IHSS assessment includes observing and evaluating the recipient's physical, verbal, cognitive, and emotional abilities/impairments and home environment. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate an applicant/recipient's capacity to perform certain IHSS tasks in a safe manner without an unreasonable amount of physical or emotional stress. IHSS Social Workers (SWs) encourage recipient independence and self-sufficiency, and promote self-esteem by limiting services to only those tasks necessary to protect the recipient's health and safety.

Verbal and written statements by the applicant/recipient, family members, caregivers, licensed health care professionals and alternate resource staff are considered when determining the applicant/recipient's functioning abilities and level of dependence upon verbal or physical assistance by another.

Effective January 1, 2018, IHSS Social Workers (SWs) are no longer to use the Time-Per-Task guidelines when completing intake and annual assessments, and authorizing services for twelve IHSS program services that have corresponding Hourly Task Guidelines (HTGs). SWs will conduct all intake assessments and annual reassessments by determining the Functional Index (FI) ranking and applying the hours based on the HTGs. SWs still need to determine the necessary frequency of need for the appropriate time under certain circumstances for these twelve program services.

The twelve IHSS program services that have corresponding HTGs are:

1. Preparation of Meals
2. Meal Clean-up
3. Feeding
4. Bowel & Bladder Care
5. Routine Bed Baths
6. Dressing
7. Menstrual Care
8. Ambulation
9. Transfer
10. Bathing, Oral Hygiene, and Grooming
11. Rubbing Skin, Repositioning
12. Care and Assistance with Prosthesis

The following tasks will have regulatory limits or require calculation to be completed by the social worker:

1. Domestic Services
2. Laundry
3. Shopping for Food
4. Other Shopping & Errands
5. Respiration
6. Accompaniment to Medical Appointments
7. Accompaniment to Alternative Resources
8. Protective Supervision
9. Paramedical Services
10. Heavy Cleaning
11. Yard Hazard Abatement
12. Removal of Snow, Ice
13. Teaching and Demonstration