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## Important Notice

### Changes to the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Program Weekly Hour Limit

Beginning July 3, 2026, the Weekly Hour Limit will be changing from 66 hours per week to 60 hours per week. This means that after July 3, 2026, PCAs may only work up to 60 hours in a single week. Failure to comply with the updated regulation could result in termination from the PCA Program. Please see the updated MassHealth regulations at [130 CMR 422.000: Personal Care Attendant Services](#).

#### Consumers/Surrogates:

Consumers and Surrogates must ensure that they are requesting an Overtime Authorization if the following applies:

1. The Consumer's approved weekly hours for their PCA Prior Authorization (PA) are more than 50 hours per week, and they need to schedule an individual PCA to work more than 50 hours per week, but no more than 60 hours per week.
2. The PCA works for multiple Consumers and the PCA's total weekly hours across all Consumers more than 50 hours per week, but no more than 60 hours per week.

Consumers and Surrogates should reach out to their Personal Care Management (PCM) agency for assistance with completing the Overtime Authorization Request Form. The form is located on the MassHealth website at: [www.mass.gov/doc/personal-care-attendant-overtime-request-form-pca-oaf-3/download](http://www.mass.gov/doc/personal-care-attendant-overtime-request-form-pca-oaf-3/download)

#### PCAs:

PCAs should discuss with their Consumers how many hours they are working in a single week across all Consumers. If they are working more than 50 hours in a single week, they are required to have an approved Overtime Authorization for all Consumers. Under no circumstance may a PCA work more than 60 hours in a single week.

Additional resources can be found on the MassHealth website at <https://www.mass.gov/PCAOvertime>