

Fiscal Employer Agent (F/EA) Enrollment Guide

Ohio- Employer

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Introduction and Process Flow

This document will provide you with key information related to the forms you are signing via Intake. Once you have completed your enrollment online, Palco will process your information and complete any program necessary checks and steps to get you enrolled. If you have forms a part of your enrollment that required a download and signature by multiple parties, please submit that immediately to enrollment@palcofirst.com You can also submit any supporting documentation to this inbox. Processing of enrollment forms will take approximately 3 business days.

Once everything is complete, Palco will issue each enrollee a "good-to-go" notification that indicates the process is complete. Palco cannot pay for services prior to the good-to-go date indicated in the email. For more information about time entry and payment processing, visit www.palcofirst.com and navigate to your program specific webpage.

In addition to the website, Palco has a web-based training library where you can find videos and tutorials for all of your functions with the Palco system. You can find this via the Palco homepage or by visiting https://www.gotostage.com/channel/palcotraining.

Typical Program Enrollment Process Flow:

(process may vary based on program specifics)

- 1. Referral to Palco by Case Manager/Support Coordinator following the completion of any program prerequisites.
- 2. Initial contact by Palco Enrollment Specialist to initiate training and provide online enrollment link.
- 3. Enrollee completes online enrollment and submits required information as necessary.
- 4. Palco Enrollment Specialist processes forms and completes any required checks and qualifications to ensure program compliance.
 - a. This may include a requirement for certain care providers / workers to also be enrolled to proceed.
- 5. Palco Enrollment Specialists requests budget / authorization from Case Manager / Support Coordinator for services to begin.
- 6. Budget / authorization is provided and entered into the Palco system.
- 7. Good-to-Go notification is issued to all enrollees who have completed the process with an effective date for when services can begin.



Employer Responsibilities & Attestation

The Employer Responsibilities and attestation form provides the self-directing employer with an overview of the responsibilities they will be assuming and attests to their understanding of them. It is an internal Palco form and requires the employer's signature and date at the bottom.



Employer Responsibilities & Attestation

As the employer of record, I understand that I am the sole employer for all support workers providing services to the participant. The employer controls the training and management, evaluation, scheduling, and termination of the worker. The worker is not employed or retained by Palco, program/state administrators, or any other state or federal governmental agency. The worker is not an independent contractor.

As the employer, I must adhere to all federal, state, local, program, and employmentrelated (including all Department of Labor, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Internal Revenue Service, and state law and unemployment agency) laws, regulations, and requirements, as well as program rules and policy. This includes providing necessary training and orientation to workers, reporting critical incidents, and reporting suspected fraud, waste, abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

The employer must assume responsibility for managing the risk and liability of any incidence(s) of work-related injuries or illnesses and for any negligent acts or omissions in the work place. Neither Palco, nor program/state administrators, are responsible or liable for any negligent acts, work-related injuries, or omissions by the employer, participant, worker, service providers, or other authorized parties.

Funds to pay for services provided by the worker are from public sources, and financial accountability and liability applies to the use of the funds. Both the employer and worker have individual and joint responsibilities to be accountable for the funds spent through the program and understand that submitting false or fraudulent timesheets or submitting requests for payment of goods or services provided, other than those approved on the authorized service budget, will be reported to the appropriate authorities for investigation and possible prosecution as fraud. In the case of insufficient funds to cover program expenses, as the employer, you are responsible for payment to the worker or service provider under state and federal laws. The employer must maintain accurate records and provide such records to authorized parties as requested, as well as adhere to all program rules and regulations, including Palco's Privacy Policies.

By signing below, I attest that I have read, understand, agree and attest to the above and have directed my worker accordingly.

Printed Employer Name	ID# / Last Four of SSN
Employer Signature	Date



Employer Authorization Agreement

The Employer Authorization Agreement provides a mutually respected agreement between Palco and the employer for Palco to perform the necessary fiscal employer agent tasks on behalf of the employer. Key tasks that Palco will assume such as obtaining an FEIN and filing the associated taxes are explained. It is an internal Palco form and requires the employer's signature and date at the bottom.



Employer Authorization Agreement

As the employer of record, I understand that I have certain responsibilities, such as filing and paying employment taxes for my workers and other employment-related responsibilities falling under Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidance, Department of Labor (DOL), and agency/programmatic guidelines and regulations. Palco, Inc. will act as my agent in a limited scope and on my behalf for only the tasks related to this program and as listed below, notwithstanding approval by the IRS or other state agencies

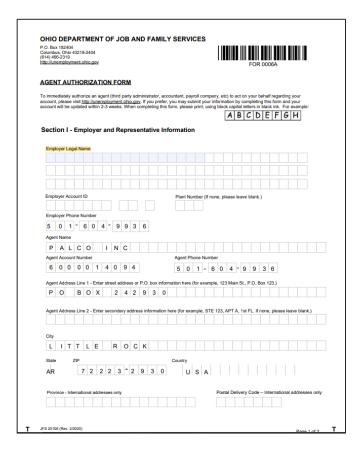
- To perform all duties as the Fiscal/Employer Agent as required by contract, policy regulation, federal and state statues, and other applicable rules and regulations.
- To obtain a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), file IRS Form 2678 to represent me for program-related and employer-related tax purposes, file tax reports, and correspond with the IRS regarding FEINs or employer tax information.
- To establish and register me as an employer in the state in which business is conducted.
- To be my agent for the limited purposes of state and/or local income tax withholding and state unemployment tax purposes, including applying for state and/or local income tax withholding and state unemployment identification number(s), establishing online account(s) to file and pay taxes on my behalf, and receiving correspondence related to my program-related state and/or local income tax withholding and state unemployment tax account(s).
- To receive confidential information about me and receive and disburse public funds, as directed by me, the program, and the budget and/or spending plan.
- To apply for and establish workers' compensation policies and accounts, pay workers' compensation premiums, and comply with annual audit requirements, when permissible by state law and program policies.
- To provide limited information on my behalf with regards to benefits, appeals, and as required by law to fulfill tax, labor, and other disputes.
- To complete federal and state tax and labor forms as required and as related to the employer duties enumerated above.

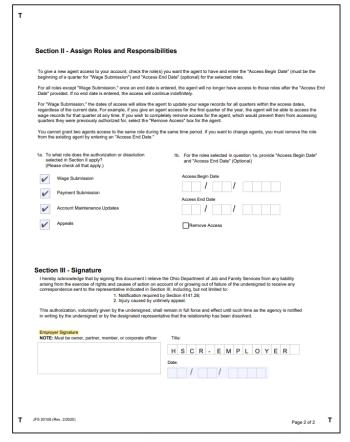
This Authorization revokes all earlier authorizations and powers of attorney on file and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by either party in writing. By signing below, I hereby authorize Palco, Inc. to act on my behalf for the items listed herein and attest that I understand these responsibilities and agree to the terms of this Employer Authorization Agreement.

Printed Employer Name	ID# / Last Four of SSN
Employer Signature	Date
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Ohio JFS 20106- Agent Authorization Form

This form gives Palco the authority to provide and receive information and to perform any and all acts that Palco can perform on your behalf as the employer with respect to any Ohio tax withholding matters. This form allows Palco to handle the necessary taxes with regards to matters of Ohio unemployment compensation related to your Home Care Service Recipient (HCSR) ID number. Palco does not gain access to any of your personal tax accounts and will not interfere with any other tax matters. This is an external form and has many required fields, via the system the employer will sign as Palco has prefilled the rest. Palco will submit the form to the necessary state agency when appropriate.







Ohio Withholding Tax Payroll Service Company Authorization and Release

This form gives Palco the authority to provide and receive information and to perform any and all acts that Palco can perform on your behalf as the employer with respect to any Ohio tax withholding matters. Complete, sign and date the highlighted fields on the page. The employer will sign and date as Palco has prefilled the rest. Palco will submit the form to the necessary state agency when appropriate.

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Taxpayer Information. Taxpayer must sign a	and date this form on line 6.
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Address	Social Security number
City, state and ZIP code	Daytime telephone number 501.604.9936
2. Reporting Agent Information	
Name Palco, Inc.	Employer identification number (EI 05-0578399
Address PO Box 242930	Telephone number 501.604.9936
City, state and ZIP code Little Rock, AR 72223	Fax number 501.821.0045
3. State Authorization	
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SS-4 Application for Employer Identification Number

The SS-4 form allows Palco to apply for and obtain a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) on behalf of the employer. Palco will obtain a very specific FEIN on behalf of the employer that is classified as a Home Care Service Recipient (HCSR) ID type. This HCSR ID is non-income generating which ensures it will never have an effect on the employers' personal taxes.

This is an external form and has many required fields, via the system. The employer will sign and date as Palco has prefilled the rest. Palco will submit the form to the necessary Federal agency when appropriate.

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2678 Employer/Payer Appointment Agent

The 2678 form appoints Palco as your Fiscal Vendor Agent to file federal payroll tax reports on your behalf. This is only for the purpose of the HCSR ID number that was secured and only relevant for the self-directed services being provided.

This is an external form and has many required fields, via the system. The employer will sign and date as Palco has prefilled the rest. Palco will submit the form to the necessary Federal agency when appropriate.

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8821 / 8821-B Tax Information Authorization

The 8821 form allows Palco to obtain communications regarding your HCSR FEIN and program specific tax accounts of behalf of the employer. Additionally, the 8821-B allows Palco to update the address for where communications should be sent if a previous FMS vendor was ever utilized.

This is an external form and has many required fields, via the system. The employer will sign and date as Palco has prefilled the rest. Palco will submit the form to the necessary Federal agency when appropriate.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What if I need assistance in completing forms?

Online enrollment is the easiest method for completing forms. Palco customer support agents can assist you in gaining credentials to enroll online.

When can my worker begin providing services?

Palco will notify you (the employer) and your worker once all requirements for enrollment have been met. The date of this notification is the date work can begin. Any work performed prior to that date will not be paid by Council of Aging or the Elderly Services Program.

Can a worker provide services to multiple clients?

Yes. However, a worker must abide by all program rules, especially those regarding overlapping claims for payment of services. Workers may be employed by as many clients (employers) as he or she would like. Each time he or she begins working for a new client, a new worker packet must be completed, just like getting any new job. This is the worker's responsibility.

What happens if my worker stops providing services?

Anytime a worker stops providing service, Palco must be notified via an Employment Separation Notice, which can be found on our website. Even after termination, the worker should keep Palco aware of any changes in contact information throughout the year, so that we can send correspondence, such as W-2s, to the correct address.

I want to designate someone else to manage my worker. How do I do that?

You are permitted to designate someone else to manage your work – this is called an Employer of Record. To do this, you must complete a Designation of Surrogate Employer form. Be sure to include the date of the change at the top of the form.

How does an Employer of Record change impact my worker?

When you make a change to your Employer of Record, your worker must re-complete some new hire forms, such as the I-9. Palco will notify you of the requirements.



Can someone correspond with Palco on my behalf?

Federal and state privacy laws prevent Palco from disclosing personal information to unauthorized individuals. Palco will only correspond with workers about that worker's particular account. Surrogate employers designated as the Employer of Record may receive all information about the worker's accounts and information about the client necessary to carry out employer roles. Participants/Clients have unlimited access to information held by Palco on their account. Participants/Clients may also appoint an authorized user by completing an Authorized User Designation form. An Authorized user is someone who is not the Employer of Record, but has permission to correspond with Palco on the employer's behalf.

How are timesheets submitted?

Timesheets can be submitted online via our portal, by fax, by mail or email. When using the online portal, submit all time properly. Both the employer and the worker must approve all time before it can be processed for payment by Palco. Additional instructions can be found in our Online Registration Packet. When submitting a paper timesheet, follow all instructions to reduce submission errors. A properly submitted timesheet must be received before the deadline to ensure a worker's pay is not delayed.

When does a worker submit timesheets?

A payroll schedule shows the deadlines for submitting timesheets and scheduled paydays. The payroll schedule for specific programs can also be found at www.palcofirst.com under your program specific page.

How will I know a timesheet was received and approved?

The online portal will display approval messages in real time. For other methods of submission, contact Palco Customer Support 48 hours after submission to allow time for processing.

What if a worker doesn't receive the funds on the scheduled payday?

For direct deposited payments, workers should allow sufficient time for the pay to deposit into the account. We recommend allowing 24 hours after payday for the deposit.



Will the worker receive a W-2 at year-end?

W-2s are available January 31. If receiving the W-2 by mail, workers should allow one week for delivery. All workers receive a W-2. Workers who earn less than the annual domestic service threshold, per IRS Pub. 15 (Circular E), will also receive a refund of over collected FICA. As an employer, you should encourage your worker to make sure the correct address and direct deposit information is current with Palco prior to January 31 of each year, even If the worker is no longer providing services for you.

How do I change my information with Palco?

The fastest and easiest method is to log into your account and change your information. Otherwise, you must complete the appropriate form and mail or fax it to Palco. All forms are found at <u>palcofirst.com</u>. For name and contact information changes, complete a Change of Information form and attach documentation to show proof of name change which can be driver's license, divorce degree or marriage license. For any other changes, contact Palco customer support.

How can Palco be contacted?

Palco Customer Support representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST, except state holidays. You may reach us by phone at 501.604.9936 or toll free at 1.866.710.0456. You can also email us at customersupport@palcofirst.com Palco has a range of translator and interpreter services at your request.