

Fiscal Employer Agent (F/EA) Enrollment Guide

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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 <u>enrollment@palcofirst.com</u> 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 <u>www.palcofirst.com</u> 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 <u>https://www.gotostage.com/channel/palcotraining</u>.

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 forms and documentation 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.

Common Law Employer Agreement

The Common Law Employer Agreement Form is a three-page form that outlines the requirements and responsibilities of the employer. It is an internal Palco form and requires the signature of the CLE and the date.

Common Law Employer (CLE) Agreement

As the CLE, I accept the responsibility as the legal employer of the qualified Support Service Professional(s) (SSP). The CLE has the ability to exercise decision-making authority over some or all of the services and supports as authorized in the Individual Service Plan (ISP).

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Common Law Employer Requirements The Participant or surrogate, when appointed by the Participant, must meet the following criteria in order to be the Common Law Employer:

- Be at least 18 years of age or older.
- · Must attest in writing that they have no convictions reported as per the Older Adult Protective Services Act (OAPSA) [35 P.S. §10225.101 et. seq. and 6 PA. Code Chapter 15], and when service a child under 18, conduct child abuse clearances as per the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) [23 Pa. C.S. Chapter 63].
- Be a resident of Pennsylvania for two (2) calendar years immediately preceding the date of request to become a Common Law Employer. o If the Common Law Employer has not been a Pennsylvania resident for the
 - previous two (2) years or is not currently a resident, the Common Law Employer must attest in writing that they have no convictions reported in the Federal Criminal History Record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in addition to the Criminal History Record from the State Police.
- · Participates in required training as notified by ODP and Palco
- · Enters into and maintain compliance with all agreements related to the VF/EA FMS model.
- Agrees to perform all the tasks outlined in the CLE Responsibilities Section.
- · Agrees to work with the Supports Coordinator (SC) to develop and revise the Participant's ISP as needed and required.
- · Agrees to participate in SC monitoring at the required frequency and location outlined in the approved Waivers.
- · Agrees to work with the Supports Broker when the Supports Broker service has been authorized on the Participant's ISP.

Common Law Employer (CLE) Responsibilities 1. Enroll with VF/EA FMS and complete the required documents.

2. Agree to manage the authorized participant-directed service in accordance with the Common Law Employer Agreement.

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Common Law Employer Authorization Agreement

The Employer Authorization Agreement Form is a two-page form that outlines Palco's responsibilities as the fiscal/employer-agent and authorizes Palco to ensure compliance with the IRS and other federal and state tax authorities on the employer's behalf. It is an internal Palco form and requires the employer's signature and date at the bottom.

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Participant Directed Services Back-Up Plan

The Participant Directed Services Backup Plan is used to identify an individual that in the event a regularly scheduled SSP is unable to provide the authorized services to the participant, they will provide the services as the designated backup support coverage person as indicated on the plan.

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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 employer's 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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For more information about this form, click here.

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 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.

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.

For more information about this form, <u>click here</u>.

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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 <u>www.palcofirst.com</u> 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.