Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Service updates

Effective 1/1/2016, service approvals for PCA will be divided between two six-month date spans.

Eligible UCare members who have been approved for PCA services may use their PCA hours/units in a flexible manner to meet their needs within the following limits:

1. Total authorized hours/units must be divided between two six-month date spans.
2. Units cannot be transferred from one six-month date span to another.
3. Additional PCA hours/units cannot be added unless there is a change in condition.

Reminder: The UCare member/responsible party and PCA provider agency are responsible for monitoring the use of PCA hours/units.

In accordance with DHS “Flexible use of PCA service” policy and Minnesota Statutes 256B.0659. Subd.15, individuals are not eligible for flexible use of PCA hours/units when any of the following occur:
- The health plan denies flexible use
- Individual is assigned to the Minnesota restricted recipient program (MRRP)

Questions regarding this change can be directed to UCare’s Clinical Services department at 612-676-6705.