

What is a Consumer Directed Employer (CDE)?

The Department of Social and Health Services will hire two companies to take over management of Individual Providers (IPs). This change happens in 2021.

We want to give you some information to help you prepare:

- IPs are paid caregivers who help clients with personal care tasks like walking, bathing, getting dressed, or respite care.
- The CDEs will be responsible for payroll, background checks, and tracking training.
- The CDEs will be **Consumer Direct Care Network** and **Public Partnerships Limited**.

- IPs may still provide personal care services to family members.
- You will still select, schedule, supervise, and dismiss your IPs.

- Case managers will do assessments and assist you with care planning like they do now.
- The change to a CDE will not affect your services or care hours.
- You and your caregiver will have a way to contact the CDE.
- You will receive more information before this change happens.



Please don't call your case manager with questions about the CDE. For more information go to www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/cde.