

A note from PAS Operations Manager, Karen Dillon:

Happy summer and a special thank you to all individuals, self-advocates, families, and support staff that have implemented Electronic Visit Verification into your routines.

Many of you have already been using the EVV System and doing a great job. PAS has reached 100% compliance with EVV ahead of the September 3 deadline in Michigan. As the deadline approaches, others will be getting ready to go live with their EVV process. Having already implemented EVV, you are free to relax and enjoy some time outside and take in the sunshine.

This June, PAS will be honoring Juneteenth as it is a federal holiday. Our office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, and will reopen at 8:30 AM on Thursday, June 20. We will be sending out the fourth quarter EPA's & PVN by the last week of June for the July – September period.

Thank you for partnering with PAS!

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PAS Celebrates 25th Anniversary in August



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25 Years of Excellence

Later this summer, PAS will celebrate our 25th anniversary! PAS began as a financial management service on August 1, 1999. 25 years later, PAS is still serving its original purpose. PAS' mission is to empower our aging and disabled neighbors to live their best lives. This mission is best exemplified by our founder, Patti Sielaff. To help tell PAS' story, Patti shares her experience of founding PAS and helping the company grow throughout the years.

[Learn More About PAS' History](#)

AgeWays Provides Resources for DCPs

The Area Agency on Aging 1-8 Ageways' website provides great resources for DCPs in Michigan. On their resources page, DCPs can take advantage of resources like caregiver coaching, class and workshops, and connecting with other caregivers.

[*Explore AgeWays' Resources*](#)



PAS is on social media! Click below to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn and stay up to date with all things PAS.



Celebrating Helen Keller Day on June 27

On June 27, we will celebrate the life and achievements of Helen Keller.

Keller, who was blind and deaf, became a distinguished author, public speaker, and advocate for the deaf and blind throughout the 20th century.

Keller was the first blind and deaf woman to graduate from college in the United States. She graduated with honors from Radcliffe College in 1904.

[*Learn More About Helen Keller's Life*](#)

AARP Survey - Americans Prefer to Stay at Home as They Age

A "Home and Community Preferences" survey by AARP found more than 75 percent of adults over 50 want to remain at home as they age. The survey polled almost 3,000 American adults of all ages. The survey found that most Americans were forced to make lifestyle adjustments during the pandemic. Despite lifestyle changes, older Americans felt less isolated at home than younger adults.



Did You Know?

Come September 3, 2024, Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) will become required throughout the state of Michigan. Per the MDHHS, EVV will be required for Behavioral Health, MI Choice Waiver, MI Health Link, and Medicaid Managed Care Home Care Services.

Call PAS today for more EVV Information:

734.729.3100



Quarterly Reader Poll

How confident do you feel using EVV? Select the option that best describes you.

I already use EVV and I am an expert with it.

I already use EVV but would like to learn more.

I am familiar with EVV but would like to learn more.

I don't know much about EVV and need training and resources.



Upcoming Events & Conferences

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| CMHA Summer Conference | June 10 - 12, 2024 Grand Traverse Resort & Spa Traverse City, Michigan | Stop by our table and let us know you saw the notice in our flyer to be entered for a gift card giveaway! |
| Juneteenth National Holiday PAS is closed | Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | We will resume normal business hours at 8:30 AM on Thursday, June 20, 2024 |
| PAS 25th Anniversary | August 1, 2025 | Follow us on social media to stay tuned for 25th Anniversary events and celebration |
| EVV Required in Michigan | September 3, 2024 | For more information, visit the MDHHS website |



PAS is ready to assist you with your EVV questions. At PAS, we have:

- Over 5 years of experience with EVV.
- 100% compliance of EVV use with Direct Care Professionals.
- Experienced staff members with an average tenure of over five years that is fully trained on EVV use and best practices.
- Proactive training for employers and employees during enrollment.



Participant Spotlight - Yasmeen



Yasmeen (left) and Becky Pedersen (Right)

It's pretty impossible not to instantly adore Yasmeen. Yasmeen comes in twice a month with her staff to bring in their paperwork. We sit together and she tells me all about her accomplishments and amazing things she's been doing and her love for the Jonas Brothers (especially Joe). She brings in treats, flowers, makes crafts (which I proudly display). She has an amazing Mom, who is one of the best advocates I've ever encountered. Yasmeen is surrounded by an amazing group of ladies that help her achieve her goals and truly care about her. Individuals like Yasmeen are why I'll always advocate for self-directed services. It is so beneficial to so many families.

-Becky Pedersen, PAS Onboarding Specialist

Get to Know Yasmeen

How long has Yasmeen been enrolled with PAS?

Yasmeen has been enrolled with PAS for nearly a decade, back when PAS used time sheets for recording support services. Yasmeen was a pioneer for PAS, being one of the first participants to adopt Electronic Visit Verification (EVV).

What does Yasmeen like most about using PAS as an FMS?

Since adopting EVV, Yasmeen has really enjoyed EVV's ease of use and environmental impact, as less paperwork is involved. So far, Yasmeen hasn't had any issues being compliant with EVV.

Yasmeen's Interests

Yasmeen is passionate about attending concerts, local sporting events, and takes part in other events in the community. The staff at PAS describe Yasmeen as a very bright and friendly individual who has a cheerful personality. Yasmeen enjoys sharing personal achievements with the PAS staff. Currently, she resides at home with her family and has a great support team that has been with her for several years.



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