

## ACT 54 Payments to DCWs Notice

Governor Wolf signed Act 54 of 2022 (Act 54), which allocated \$14.989 million from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to Direct Care Workers (DCWs) in the participant-directed model providing *personal assistance services* in support of the statewide response to COVID-19.

**DCWs that provided services from 7/1/2021 through 9/30/2021 and remained active workers as of 7/1/2022 qualify to receive the one-time payment.**

Public Partnerships LLC (PPL) , Tempus Unlimited (Tempus) , and the Community HealthChoices (CHC) Manage Care Organizations (MCOs) worked with the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) to determine the one-time payment amounts for qualifying DCWs.

The payment amount is based on hours worked up to 40 hours per week during 7/1/2021 through 9/30/2021. The estimated gross payment amount that a DCW can receive ranges from a few dollars to over \$2,000. Payment is anticipated to occur mid-December.