

Why choose Elderberry Institute as my FSE?

Elderberry Institute has established a relationship with Partners in Community Supports (PICS) to provide FSE services with experience in the field and care for elder and caregiver needs.

Elderberry Institute combines more than two decades of working with elder services and volunteers with nearly a decade of experience at PICS on hiring and managing employees.

Elderberry Institute guarantees you responsive timely service, in-person information and "coaching" in a small, non-bureaucratic organization.

With Elderberry Institute you:

- Eliminate unnecessary paperwork related to hiring and managing employees,
- Have knowledgeable oversight of payroll and payroll tax responsibilities,
- Have toll-free telephone and on-line internet access with 24 hour access to your spending summary.

Elderberry Institute is the only FSE in the state of Minnesota with a background in elder and caregiver affairs. For more than two decades we have been serving as a resource center for Living at Home/Block Nurse Programs, helping elders stay healthy while living in their own homes and communities.

We are an FSE that can work with all available CDS payment sources.

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A FISCAL SUPPORT ENTITY THAT KNOWS ELDERS



You Choose- You Hire- We Help

What is Consumer Directed Services?

Consumer Directed Services (CDS) is a service that gives you the flexibility to decide your own help and remain in your home and community as you age.

With CDS YOU are the one deciding:

- **What** help you need
- **Who** provides your help
- **When** you want help
- **How** much responsibility you want

Consumer Directed Services gives you the option to hire your spouse, children, family members and friends.

You decide how to spend your allocated budget to:

- Hire your own staff
- Make home modifications
- Pay for services

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How can I access Consumer Directed Services?

Consumer Directed Services is available through a variety of sources and funding streams. Generally CDS is available through:

- **Elderly Waiver**
- **Alternative Care**
- **Title III: Caregiver Support and/or Nutrition**
- **Private Pay**
- **Other State and Federally funded programs**

Elderberry Institute can help you with easy links to home and community based service and volunteer organizations, the state, individual counties, and the Area Agencies on Aging.



What is an FSE and why do I need one?

In order to receive Consumer Directed Services you must choose a Fiscal Support Entity (FSE) to help you manage your budget and coordinate the billing and financial tasks associated with the service.

Elderberry Institute is a state certified FSE with the expertise and dedication necessary to offer a range of support services.

Elderberry Institute offers the following service models. You should choose the one that suits your lifestyle and needs:

- **Fiscal Conduit:** You are the employer, take care of payroll and expenses, and bill Elderberry Institute for reimbursement.
- **Payroll Model:** You are the employer but hire Elderberry Institute to help you with payroll and expenses, and to provide you with education.
- **Agency With Choice:** Elderberry Institute is the employer, takes care of payroll and expenses, and provides you with education.