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## **Occupational and Physical Therapists Still Needed to Assist with Functional Assessments**

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) modified the Nevada Medicaid Personal Care Services (PCS) program on March 1, 2010, to require the completion of the initial functional assessment for PCS by an Occupational or Physical Therapist (OT/PT).

The changes to the program have been very successful and DHCFP is anticipating the need for additional providers to complete functional assessments. The DHCFP reports a special need for OT/PT providers to serve the northern and rural areas of Nevada.

By participating in the program and assisting with “hands-on” assessments, OTs/PTs are providing Medicaid recipients with an accurate functional assessment.

This is not an employment position with the State, but is done by Nevada-licensed OTs/PTs or eligible hospitals, clinics or agencies enrolled as Medicaid providers. If you are an OT/PT provider interested in assisting the Nevada Medicaid PCS program and completing these functional assessments, you will need to be a Nevada Medicaid provider and attend a training session on PCS policies and functional assessment tools.

OT/PTs who are interested in completing these assessments should verify their enrollment or begin the enrollment process. To enroll as a Nevada Medicaid provider, see the instructions and forms on the [“Provider Enrollment”](#) webpage.

To place your name on the list for a training session or to obtain more information about this program, please contact Jack Zenteno at (775) 684-3757 or [jack.zenteno@dncfp.nv.gov](mailto:jack.zenteno@dncfp.nv.gov) or Gail Carothers at (775) 684-3654 or [gail.carothers@dncfp.nv.gov](mailto:gail.carothers@dncfp.nv.gov).