

PASCO News

October 2020

Your Vote

by Adam Steinbrunner PASCO CEO

**Your vote on November 3rd is important.
Please be sure your voice is heard.**

A few months ago, in July 2020, John Lewis passed away. The civil rights leader and congressman asked for this [essay](#) to be published on the date of his funeral. In his words, he envisions advancement, peace and love. Something that stood out for me were his powerful words around your vote:

"Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part..."

"The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society."

We talk about advocacy a lot at PASCO. It is a critical core value of our organization. It is inherited from our founders, Barry Rosenberg and Lee Fisher. It continues to be a motivation for all of our decisions today.

In this spirit of advocacy, I encourage everyone in the PASCO family to vote. My message is not an endorsement of a party or a candidate, but rather an endorsement of democracy. It is my hope that everyone in the PASCO family will embrace our shared core value of advocacy and let your opinion be represented by your action... your vote.



Voting Toolbox

We put together this voting tool box to enable you to take action. Additionally, action can include encouraging friends and family to engage and participate in voting.



To register to vote or to confirm your registration: [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://govotecolorado.gov) (también en Español)



You can register online if you have a CO driver's license or state issued I.D.



October 9th: Counties begin mailing ballots to registered voters



October 26th: Deadline to register to vote and still receive your ballot in the mail



Tuesday, November 3rd: You can still register to vote and vote in person up to 7:00pm



All ballots must be received by the County Clerk by 7:00 p.m. Postmarks DO NOT count.



To find Ballot Dropbox or In-Person Polling locations in your county, visit: justvotecolorado.org or you can search online: Ballot Dropbox {Your County}



To track your ballot and make sure your vote was counted: colorado.ballottrax.net/voter

New Health First Colorado App



The **Health First Colorado app** (formerly PeakHealth) is the best way for members to manage their coverage. With the Health First Colorado app, members can:

- See if their coverage is active
- View their member ID card
- Tell us about changes to their household
- Upload documents like paystubs
- Keep track of deadlines
- Learn about their benefits



Community Events connection for the community

PASCO

Resiliency: Finding Peace
Care for the Caregiver
Featuring
Christine Griffin, MS, RN-BC, CPN
Caritas Coach, Master HeartMath Trainer at
Colorado Children's Hospital
rootedandresilient.com

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14th 2020
3pm-5pm
Online

Resiliency: Finding Peace

At PASCO, we believe that caring for our caregivers is just as important as the health and well-being of our clients. Continuing our Resiliency Series while social distancing is incredibly important. Join our Virtual Resiliency Series with Chris Griffin, as she uses her calm demeanor and humor to teach us tools for self-care and stress management.

Oct 14 2020

Online

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Special Needs Trust

Presenter Steven Owens, an attorney who practices extensively in the area of special needs planning, returns to PASCO to demonstrate how you can identify the dangers facing your child and your estate plan, and how to deal with them. He will also illustrate how you can ensure that there will be sufficient resources to care for your child for his or her entire life.

Oct 22 2020

Online

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Special Needs Trust
Financial Planning
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 22ND 2020
3pm-4pm
Online

Featuring
Steven R. Owens
(Estate Planning Lawyer)

Let's Connect! RSVP for your preferred events at: pascohh.com/community-events/

PASCO Support - for all of your employment needs

If you have questions, we have answers. Contact our helpful Support Team for any assistance with:

- Contact information changes
- Live-In Caregiver form support
- PASS support (unlocking timesheets, password resets, questions, etc)
- Checking status of compliance items
- Scheduling compliance items (e.g. CPR, Skills Den)
- Changing language preferences
- Employment verification requests
- Help accessing paystubs
- Questions about a paycheck
- Employee vacation requests
- Something else? Send it to PASCO Support and we'll get you an answer.



CONTACT US
support@pascohh.com

(303) 233-3122
Ask for the Support Team

Advocacy Corner by David Bolin



The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to develop the Person-Centered Budget Algorithm has had three “Clinical Hypothetical” studies in the last month. The goal is to determine what will guide the contractor, Optimus, to rank the quantitative items in the Assessment Tool to determine a budget for HCBS participants. You can see information on this group at this [link](#). The new assessment tool will be implemented in June 2021 and you can review the tool, all of the modules and the training manuals at the public information site [here](#). *If you are receiving HCBS services this will affect you! If you have questions, please contact HCPF or send questions to David Bolin at david@teamsvc.com.*

IHSS clients - The State is working on contracting with a new Utilization Management vendor to review all Health Maintenance Activities PARs. If you are receiving HMA, your PAR will be reviewed by this new Utilization Management vendor prior to approval. The next meeting is Monday, October 26 from 1:30-3:00pm and is held through Google Meets. Please feel free to join the meeting. There aren't many clients or family members on this group and it will affect all IHSS clients receiving HMA so it is very important.

Pediatric Home Health Update - The state has postponed Pediatric PARs for the time being. Once we hear the start date, we will be sure to share it with you.

State Budget - COVID19 has affected the state budget considerably. While revenues this fiscal year (starting July 1) are better than originally forecast, the state is still struggling to provide all the services normally expected. The state imposed a 1% provider rate cut effective July 1, 2020. When the state can “open for business” we may see further changes in the Medicaid program. We are watching the state's revenue projections closely, so we know if there are any further effects on Medicaid over the next 9 months.



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