



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
[KENT COUNTY]

ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

Direct Support Services (DSS) Request

Date: _____

Name (Please Print): _____

Case Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number or Email: _____

For Requests Made by Phone, Referring Specialist's Name: _____

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) assists families to achieve self-sufficiency. The primary avenue to self-sufficiency is employment. MDHHS provides Direct Support Services (DSS) to help families become self-sufficient. Please select the service(s) you are requesting from the list below:

- Child Care for participation in the Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH) orientation/compliance, or to attend a specialist approved Family Support Service (FSS) activity such as classes, seminars, or counseling services.
- Pre-employment and training medical exams that are required to obtain, maintain, or enhance employment.
- Dental services needed to overcome barriers to employment or training.
- Relocation assistance to allow persons who obtain verified employment beyond commuting distance (2 hours/day, not including time to and from child care facilities or 3 hours/day, including time to and from child care facilities).
- Clothing required for work projects, training, or employment.
- Transportation costs (bus tickets, allowance, mileage reimbursement) to participate in PATH, employment, community service, or other employment-related activities.
- Vehicle Repair necessary to accept a verified job offer, retain current employment, or participate in a specialist approved FSS activity that will prepare you for employment.
- Vehicle Purchase for a vehicle to be used as a participant's primary means of transportation for work or employment-related activities.
- Other one-time work-related expenses (payment for license fees, trade certification, purchase of professional tools, license plates, vehicle insurance, etc.).

***Note:** There is no entitlement for DSS. The decision to authorize DSS is within the discretion of the MDHHS or PATH program, based on local office funding. All eligibility requirements outlined in Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 232 must be met in order for DSS to be authorized.