

<b>STATE OF ALASKA</b> <b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b>  <b>SENIOR AND DISABILITIES SERVICES</b>  <b>POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE MANUAL</b>	SECTION: PCA Program	Number: 10-2	Page: 1
	SUBJECT: Cognitive Capacity---Money Management and Choice or Physical Disability		
	APPROVED: /s/ Rod Moline		DATE: 2/12/07
	<b>RENUMBERED POLICY 2007-2</b>		

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of DSDS that consumer directed PCA (CDPCA) recipients are allowed latitude to conduct their own affairs; including managing and directing their care.

**PROCEDURE:**

Assessors and evaluators must be aware and acknowledge the reason and basis for the scoring on "Cognitive Capacity for Consumer-Directed Model" Ability to Self-Direct Indicators, Managing Finances 4a and 4b; as included in the current DSDS assessment for services referred to as the PCAT.

If a consumer is scored "No" on this section due to a physical disability or due to choice (yet they are still cognitively capable to manage their finances, the Assessor must mark YES in 4a and 4b. The Assessor shall not change the true scoring under R: Instrumental Activities of Daily Living. rather the Assessor shall override the scoring in the Ability to Self-Direct Indicators.

The Assessor shall clearly identify in the narrative section of the PCAT the reason for the override e.g., "Consumer is cognitively capable of managing their finances. yet they choose not to." Or "Consumer is cognitively capable of managing their finances, yet due to blindness the consumer requires assistance to issue checks."

This policy will be effective as of the date signed.