

Welcome to the BetterOnline™ Web Portal System!

This document will outline for you how to set up your Username and Password so that you can begin using the BetterOnline Web Portal.

As a Direct Care Worker (DCW), once you are registered you will be able to use the BetterOnline Web Portal to:

- Create Timesheets
- Review your Timesheet Payment Status

You can download additional instructions online at www.publicpartnerships.com.

- Select Programs on the top menu.
- Select PA (Pennsylvania) on the map.
- Select Office of Long Term Living Program, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.
- Select the Program Documents tab.

❖ Step 1: Register

- 1. Open web browser (e.g., Chrome, FireFox, Internet Explorer)
- 2. Enter the following URL into the web browser: https://fms.publicpartnerships.com/PPLPortal/login.aspx
 - NOTE: This website can be added as a Favorite in your web browser for quick access.
- 3. Select the **Sign Up** link next to the login button.



- 4. Select Pennsylvania from the dropdown menu.
- 5. Select your program: PA DPW OLTL
- 6. Select your role: **Direct Care Worker**
- 7. Click the **Next** button.

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Step 2: Verify Credentials

- 1. Complete the following fields.
 - PPL ID: This number has been generated by Public Partnerships LLC (PPL) and is unique to each DCW in the program. It may also be referred to as your DCW or Employee ID.
 - Social Security Number: This is the DCW's social security number.
 - Last Name: This is the DCW's last name.
 - DOB This is the DCW's date of birth. DOB must be entered in a MM/DD/YYY format.

NOTE: Ensure the correct information is entered. If the system is unable to verify your information the issue could be that the DCW's information was inaccurately entered at the time of enrollment. To resolve this, call customer service and provide the DCW ID so that PPL can verify the demographic information on file.

❖ Step 3: User Information

- 1. Complete the following fields.
 - <u>Username:</u> PPL suggests that you use the first letter of your first name and your last name.
 - Ex. Mary Poppins = MPoppins
 - NOTE: If the user name you selected is already in use you will need to select a different username.
 - Password: Your password must be at least 6 characters long and contain at least 1 numerical character, 1 capitalized character, and 1 lowercase character. Your password will be case sensitive.
 - Confirm Password: Retype the password you created.
 - Email Address: Your email address is an optional field. PA Office of Long Term Living (OLTL), through PPL will use this to send information pertaining to your timesheets to your email account. Note: If you provide an email address you will receive an email confirmation of your username and password.
 - <u>Security Questions:</u> Choose three questions from the dropdown menu. Enter the answers to these questions in the data field next to it.
 - These questions provide a layer of security to protect your privacy so that only YOU can change your user registration information.
- 2. Click the Submit button.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are now registered and ready to log in to the BetterOnline Web Portal!

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How to Create and Submit a Timesheet

❖ Step 1: Log In

- 1. Open web browser (e.g., Chrome, FireFox, Internet Explorer)
- 2. Enter the following Web Portal URL into the web browser. https://fms.publicpartnerships.com/PPLPortal/login.aspx

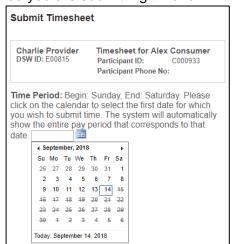
Step 2: Create Timesheet

- 1. Select the **Create Timesheet** link towards the top of the page.
- 2. Select **Create Timesheet** next to the name of the desired participant name.

NOTE: If you are trying to submit a timesheet for a different participant and they do not appear here, you may not be associated with that participant in the system. Call customer service to determine what the next step is. This can happen if OLTL, through PPL has not received/or processed your paperwork for this participant yet.

Step 3: Select Pay Period

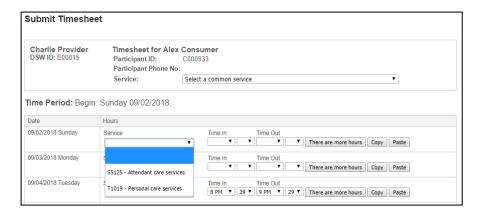
- 1. Click on the calendar icon next to the date field
- 2. Select the date of the pay period you are submitting time for.



Step 4: Enter Services and Time Worked

The *Time Period* section is where you will enter in the time you worked for the pay period.

- If you didn't work on one day, leave the fields blank for that day.
- 1. Select the service(s) performed from the Service dropdown menu.
 - Complete this step for each day a day worked.
 - ➤ There is also the option to select a Common Service (above the *Time Period* section). This option can be used by DCWs who provide the same service throughout the entire pay period.
 - The Common Service dropdown lets you populate every line of the timesheet at once instead of filling in each day individually.
 - The Common Service dropdown is optional; you do not have to use this feature.
 - If you choose not to use the select common service feature, you must enter in the service type for each of the days worked.



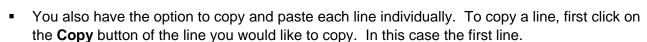
NOTE: If you worked a service that does not appear in your dropdown menu, please contact customer service. This typically means rate or enrollment paperwork, required for that service type, has not been received.

- 2. Enter the hours worked for each day.
 - Select the hours/minutes worked from the Time In and Time Out dropdown menus.
 - If you worked multiple shifts in one day, select the There are more hours button.
 - An additional line will be created for the day worked.
 - You will need to enter in the service type (which can be different) and hours worked.

11 AM ▼ 00 ▼ 12 PM ▼ 00 ▼ Remove Time

1 PM ▼ 2 PM ▼ There are more hours Copy

You may also remove time if you need to. To remove time, select the Remove Time button.

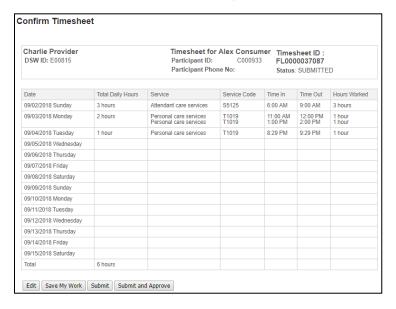


- Next click on the Paste button of the line you would like to put the copied information in.
 In this case the second line.
- 3. Click the **Next** button at the bottom of the page.

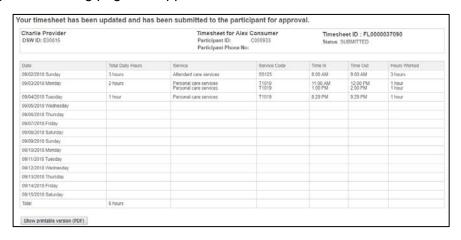
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Step 5: Confirm Timesheet

1. Review the timesheet for completeness and accuracy.



- If the timesheet is incorrect and you would like to edit it. Click on the Edit button to return to the previous screen.
- If the timesheet is correct but incomplete you can save your work. Click on the Save My Work button.
 - This feature allows you to enter time as you work it without submitting it for approval until the very end.
- If the timesheet is correct and complete, click on the **Submit** button to submit it to the participant/employer/authorized representative.
- 2. After submitting, the following page will appear:



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3. If there is a problem with your timesheet that would cause it to not be paid, then the Web Portal will not allow the timesheet to be submitted for approval until the problem is fixed.

Examples:

- a. Overlapping time
- b. Missing paperwork
- c. Missing DCW Rates
- 4. On the top of your timesheet you will see red alerts that tell you what is wrong with your timesheet. If you do not understand any or even one of the messages, please call customer service.
 - a. In the example below, on 09/03/2018 a service was not selected.



- If you feel that any of the alert messages in red are incorrect, please call customer service.
- If you believe they are correct, please submit the missing information to OLTL, through PPL as soon as possible so that OLTL, through PPL staff can enter it into our system. Then resubmit your timesheet for approval.
- 5. Once you have successfully submitted your timesheet for approval, it will be up to the participant or Representative to approve the timesheet.
- 6. You can monitor the approval status by searching on your timesheets and reviewing the status.
 - a. If the timesheet is in the SUBMITTED status it has not been approved.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> Do not assume that if you submitted your timesheet it will be paid. You will want to monitor the status of your timesheet until it has reached APPROVED status.

 Once the timesheet has an APPROVED status, it has been sent to OLTL, through PPL for payment.

CONGRATULATIONS!
You now know how to create and submit your timesheets!