

Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group (DEHPG)

**Section 1915(j) Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services State Plan Option
Approved SPAs**

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- **AL SPA 07-002:** Alabama was the first State to submit their SPA; approved on 5/24/07
- **OR 07-014:** Oregon's SPA was approved on 1/10/08
- **AR SPA 07-023:** Arkansas' SPA was approved on 3/27/08
- **FL SPA 07-007;** Amended **FL SPA 09-009:** Florida's SPA was approved on 3/28/08 and amended on 6/29/09 to remove the enrollment cap
- **NJ SPA 08-03:** New Jersey's SPA was approved 7/23/08
- **TX 08-036:** Texas' SPA was approved 7/29/09
- **CA 09-006:** SPA was approved 9/29/09 – effective 10/1/09

Of the 7 approved SPAs (AL, AR, FL, NJ, OR, TX, CA):

- Offers self-direction of PCS State plan benefit: FL, AR, NJ, TX, CA
- Offers self-direction of section 1915(c) waiver services: AL, OR, FL, AR
- Offers opportunity Statewide: OR, FL, AR, NJ, TX, CA
- Offers opportunity less than Statewide: AL
- Offers the cash option: AL, OR, AR, NJ, CA
- Does not offer the cash option: TX, FL
- Limits the number of individuals who can participate: AL, AR
- No cap on the number of individuals who can participate: FL (amended SPA), NJ, TX, OR, CA
- Allows participants to hire legally liable relatives: TX, AL, OR, NJ, FL, CA
- Does not allow participants to hire legally liable relatives: AR
- Allows participants to appoint a representative to direct the PAS on their behalf: TX, AL, AR, OR, NJ, FL, CA
- Does not allow participants to appoint a representative to direct the PAS on their behalf:
- Populations self-directing (in the aggregate): elderly (AL, FL, AR, OR); adults with physical disabilities (AL, FL, AR, OR); persons with traumatic brain/spinal cord injuries (FL); persons with developmental disabilities (AL, FL). California covers all individuals in need of PCS.
- State employs an FMS entity through a reporting or subagent of its fiscal intermediary:
- State employs an FMS entity through vendor organizations: TX, AR, AL, NJ
- State employs an FMS entity through an "agency with choice" organization:
- State directly performs the FMS except for those using the cash option and performing those functions themselves: FL, OR, CA