



What is Protective Supervision?

We hope this information will help you understand:

- What is Protective Supervision?
- When can my social worker approve Protective Supervision?
- When can Protective Supervision not be approved?

Protective Supervision is a special service for IHSS clients. It is based on California laws which everybody has to follow. Protective Supervision is watching the client and keeping them from doing something where they could get hurt. It is for clients who don't know when they are doing something that could lead to them getting hurt. Like wandering off and getting lost. Or trying to cook something and starting a fire. Or walk into traffic when it's not safe to do so. It is for client's who do dangerous things without realizing it and who may have something like Autism or Alzheimer's.

Getting Protective Supervision means the client needs this special help all the time, day and night, everyday. And if they weren't getting Protective Supervision they wouldn't be safe living at home.

Protective Supervision:

- Is not friendly visiting.
- Is not "babysitting" or like child care.
- Is not because the client has a medical need. If the client needs someone there because of a medical condition, that's not Protective Supervision.
- Is not someone being there just in case a medical emergency might happen. Like a seizure or a heart attack.
- Is not to keep the client from hurting someone else.
- Is not to keep the client from hurting them self on purpose. Like running away, cutting on them self, or trying to kill them self.

When a client is approved for Protective Supervision someone has to be there to keep them safe pretty much all the time. The IHSS program doesn't pay for all the hours of the day and night seven days a week. So the client has to be kept safe in other ways when the provider can't be paid to watch them.

- Someone else in the family or a friend can volunteer to watch the client without getting paid.
- The client can go to some kind of a day program or a school where they are watched and kept safe.

Sometimes when a client has been getting Protective Supervision something changes and they won't be able to get Protective Supervision anymore.

- The client has gotten better and they know not to do unsafe things anymore.
- The client has learned how to do things in a safe way.
- They are taking a medicine that helps them to do things safely.
- The home they are living in is set up so the client is safe.
- The client can't do what they used to do. Like get out of bed and put them self in danger like they used to.

When Protective Supervision can't be approved anymore sometimes the client still needs a lot of help, but it's not Protective Supervision. Like they have a lot of medical needs, or they just still need a lot of help. It can be a big change for a family. But remember, Protective Supervision is based on laws that everyone has to follow.

If you have any more questions about Protective Supervision, please contact your IHSS Social Worker.