

# THE ROAD TO BECOMING AN INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER

A career as an individual provider may be perfect for you if you like to work directly with clients, enjoy a flexible schedule, and want to make a difference in peoples' lives.

Many paths may lead you to this career. Here is a brief overview of the steps to become an individual provider.

## 1 Start

You like to help others and want to start your career as an individual provider.

## 2 Time to Get Trained

Individual providers who care for someone who is not their family member or care for more than one client are required to take 75 hours of training. The individual provider union, SEIU 775, may [pay for your training!](#)

## 3 Testing and Certification

You will take a test that includes knowledge and skills sections. [Prometric](#) offers the test in 13 languages. The [Department of Health](#) will process your test results, make sure you have met the requirements, and issue your certification. This process can take a few weeks. The Department of Health will notify you via email, so make sure to check your inbox regularly for messages.

## 4 Let's Get to Work

Congratulations! You have completed the training and certification process and are ready to begin your career as an individual provider! You are prepared to care for clients in their own homes.