





# DAILY PAY

FOR THE 21ST CENTURY EMPLOYEE

Introducing:

# WAGES NOW!

A Palco partnership with Fiserv and Money Network







The median wage for direct care workers was just \$14.27 per hour in 2021, with variability by occupational role and geographic location (among other factors)



Median earnings were only \$21,700 per year in 2020.



As a result, 40 percent of this workforce lives in or near poverty and 43 percent rely on public assistance programs to make ends meet<sup>2</sup>.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup> https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/payday\#: \sim: text=Any\%20 predictable\%20 and\%20 reliable\%20 pay, on\%20 commission\%20 have\%20 different\%20 requirements$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.phinational.org/policy-research/key-facts-faq/



Palco is working to enhance the payroll experience for DSPs and improve the overall Financial Management Service (FMS) provided to states, MCOs, and their Medicaid self-directed waiver participants.

Although attrition in the direct care labor force is high, we know how many DSPs remain because of the meaningful work and having a profound impact on their clients' lives. Instant access to wages is one way to enhance worker payroll experience by providing wages with zero fees to the worker or Employer of Record, no change to regular payroll processing, seamless integration with Palco's FMS applications, and all data remains private and secure.

### **ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERING**

Employees can access up to 50% of daily wages earned<sup>3</sup>.



Goodbye, overdraft fees



Simple setup



Apps make tracking and managing wages a snap

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>All funds redeemed through Wages Now will be recovered on payday as a debit from employee Money Network Account.



# A BENEFICIAL CHANGE

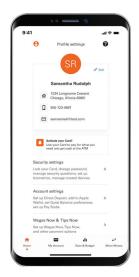
#### Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) need access to wages earned

- 44% of workers have less than \$500 saved for unexpected expenses
- 84% of workers worry about money on the job
- DSPs oftentimes cannot afford to wait until payday to access their earned wages

#### Financially healthy DSPs are more engaged

- 95% of workers want to work for employers who offer Earned Wage Access (EWA)
- 89% would stay longer with employers who offer EWA
- 79% would switch to an employer who offers EWA

# FIVE EASY STEPS TO ENROLL IN WAGES NOW











1

Tap the Wages Now feature

in the Mobile App menu to begin the setup 2

**Tap Get Started** 

3

Review your Account Information 4

Find and select your work location

5

Redeem your pay offers

by checking your **Wages Now** dashboard after each

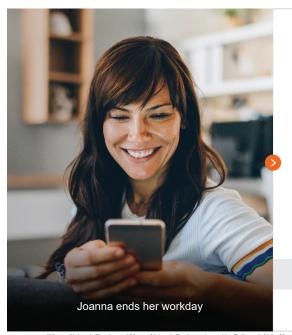


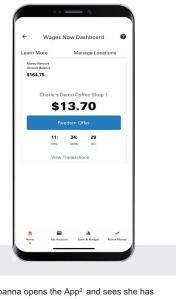


## **ELIGIBILITY**

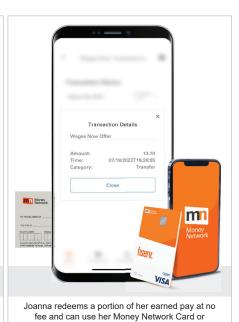
In order to participate in Wages Now, workers must have a Money Network Card and be signed up for their pay from Palco to be deposited on that card. To request a free Money Network Card, workers should complete a new Pay Selection Form and Palco will order a new one for them.

## **HOW IS WAGES NOW PAID?**





Joanna opens the App2 and sees she has \$13.70 available. She taps the offer to accept it



Checks1

1Money Network Checks and Money Network Cards are issued by Pathward, N.A., Member FDIC, pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. and accepted everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted 2Standard message and data rates may apply.



## **WAGES NOW SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE MONEY NETWORK CARD AND PALCO SUPPORT CENTERS**



#### For All Inquiries

Simply call the number on the back of your Money Network Card.



888-913-0900



www.palcofirst.com



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#### We Serve People

Palco is rooted in the self-direction landscape by commitment and choice. Although the FMS industry is changing faster than ever, our purpose of supporting individuals and their families to thrive at home and in their community acts as our North Star.

Wages Now complements Palco's service to our customers, and we are excited to offer this innovative payroll experience. For more information about the Wages Now payroll service, call Fiserv or Palco at the contact information below.

Fiserv 1-888-913-0900

Palco 1-866-710-0456 | customersupport@palcofirst.com

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is Money Network Wages Now?

Wages Now is a program for Money Network cardholders that allows workers to access a portion of pay after each shift rather than waiting for the traditional payday.

#### When do I receive my Wages Now offer?

After each shift, eligible cardholders will receive an offer of up to eight hours. This can be based on yesterday's shift, or a shift worked that same day. This offer represents up to half of your gross pay from the previous shift.

#### **How do I find my Wages Now offers?**

Click on Wages Now in the main menu to view your dashboard to see if you have a Wages Now offer.

#### Where can I see my Wages Now transactions?

Click on Wages Now to navigate to your dashboard. Click on View Transactions to see your Wages Now transactions. Transactions may also be viewed in the Transaction History.

## Will I be charged a fee if I accept a Wages Now offer?

No, there are no fees or interest charged to accept your offer\*.

#### What if I don't see my offer?

If you have worked within the last 24 hours and you do not see your offer, contact Money Network Customer Service by calling the number on the back of your Money Network Card.

#### Who do I contact if I have questions?

Call the number on the back of your card to contact Money Network Customer Service.

\*While this feature is free, certain transaction and service fees may be associated with the use of your Money Network Card. See your Fee Schedule for more details.



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