



# Parkinson Association of Northern California

*Until there's a cure....hope and healing every day*

## Policy & Procedure

### RESPITE CARE PROGRAM 2016 Through Grant by NPF

#### Policy

PANC promotes the support of individuals that serve as caregivers to people with Parkinson's disease by subsidizing the cost of caregivers provided by Redwood and Passages Caregiver Resource Centers (CRC). For 2016, PANC is privileged to offer resources to caregiver respite as PANC was awarded a grant from the National Parkinson Foundation, via its funds raised in the SF/Bay area 'Moving Day' campaign.

#### Procedure

1. Caregivers of PD patients may apply once per 12 month period for support.
2. Applicants must provide a physician's note stating patient has PD.
3. Applicant must be a caregiver that is able to assist in meeting with the CRC and be authorized by the PD patient to discuss medical and psychological conditions, as well as physical functioning.
4. Caregiver must be willing to participate in the CRC's interview and support planning and be available to orient and train the respite caregivers as to the PD's patient's needs.
5. Caregiver must not be receiving additional public funding for caregiving services.
6. **Caregiver/the PD patient must be a resident of one of the counties served by either CRC: Passages- Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehema or Trinity. Redwood – Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano.**
7. Once the caregiver application is approved by PANC, the caregiver will receive documentation of approval for respite care. PANC will also notify the CRC of the approval.
8. The CRCs are the only sources for providing PANC respite services through this program.
9. Once the caregiver receives PANC's approval notice, the caregiver must contact the CRC directly to initiate the process.
10. The CRC will establish the caregiver as a client of the CRC.
11. As respite care resources are used, the CRC will bill PANC for payment.
12. The respite subsidy value should be used within six months of its approval.
13. Caregivers and PD patients should comply with the CRC's request for communication coordination and cooperation.