

Extended counselling to citizens with BPA-arrangement

Currently citizens who receive citizen-managed personal assistance (BPA) can get counselling and guidance, when they transfer the employer function to associations and private companies. The initiative must help strengthen the legal position of the citizens.

BPA is a helper arrangement that can be given to citizens over 18 years-old with significant and permanently reduced physical and mental functional ability, who have very extensive need for support.

With a BPA-assistance the citizen can employ staff that can give practical and personal support in the daily life.

The purpose with the arrangement is that the citizen must despite having a severe physical or mental disability, nevertheless be able to live a life so independently and normal as possible in own home.

New: Advice about entering into an agreement

It is a condition that the citizen can act as supervisor for the helpers and also as an employer in general. However the citizen can choose to transfer the employer function to someone, they are closely related to, an association or a private enterprise.

Advice is being given in advance to target-group about being both employer and supervisor. Pr. 1. March 2019 the counselling is expanded to also include advice and guidance on transfer of the employer function. Counselling and guidance can be obtained by contacting the advisory function BPA-employer.

[Read more about the services of the advisory function, contact information, etc. at www.BPA-arbejdsgiver.dk](http://www.BPA-arbejdsgiver.dk)

Must strengthen the legal position of the citizens

The expansion of the advisory function is part of a social reserve initiative for 2019, which should strengthen the legal position of the citizens, when agreement is reached on the transfer of employer functions to private companies and associations in aid arrangements in accordance to the section 95 and 96 of the Service Act.

Among other things, this must help to ensure that a citizen, who unknowingly has entered into agreement with an unauthorized association or company, does not suffer losses as a result.

The employer and interest organization Kooperationen maintains the advisory function BPA-employer by agreement with The National Board of Social Services.

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