What is the MDPH?

The Maisons Départementales des Personnes Handicapées (Departmental Houses for Disabled Persons – MDPH) were created by French Law no. 2005-102 of 11 February 2005. They are Public Interest Groups (GIP) operationally linked to the Councils of French administrative departments.

The Law of 2005 introduced the idea of Payment for Disability and the possibility of everyone being able to communicate their needs via the Life Project (Projet de vie). Any person suffering a disability is able to freely express their wishes in this confidential document. Based on this, and following an assessment undertaken by the MDPH’s multi-disciplinary team, the Personalised Payment Plan (PPP) will be drawn up that pulls together all assistance required to create it: allowances, technical and human assistance, professional advice, Individual Education Project (IPP) etc.

Partners of MDPH 75

MDPH 75 is linked to the Department of Paris, State services (Local Education Authority, Regional Health Agency and Departmental Directorates for Social Cohesion (former DDASS), Directorate for Companies, Competition and Consumers, Work and Employment (former DEGTP), bodies for Social Protection (Family Allowance (CAF), local and regional healthcare schemes) and Associations representing different disabilities (motor, sensory, mental and physical).
The Role of the MDPH

- To welcome, orientate and support people with disabilities and those close to them.
- To assess problems, disabilities and appropriate needs regarding payments
  To process applications for allowances, advice and benefits that fall under
  the Commission des droits et de l’autonomie des personnes handicapées
  (CDAPH) (French Commission for the rights and independence of people
  with disabilities).
- Offer a link for associations
- Raise public awareness of disability together with partners

CDAPH The French Commission for the rights and independence of people with disabilities

The CDAPH replaces the former COTOREP and CDES. It is made up of members from associations, institutions and elected officials and rules on applications from people with disabilities, whatever their age or situation.

Allowances and benefits

- Allowances for adults with disabilities (MAH)
- Education allowance for children with disabilities (AEEH)
- Single applications for Third-party compensatory allowance (ACTP) and Compensatory allowance for professional charges (ACFP)
- Disability Payment Benefit (PCH)
- Priority and disabled parking permits

Orientation

- Towards adapted care provisions, specialised educational and
  professional establishments: ESAT (Establishments and
  services for assisted employment – former CAT), adapted
  companies, IME (socio-medical services),
- Towards mainstream activity with recommendations on
  needs-based adjustments: Recognition of the role of workers
  with disabilities (NQT apply), school assistants (AHS), education etc.

How to make an Application...

- Complete an application form
- Ask a doctor to complete a medical certificate
- Send everything to MDPH 75 by mail or by hand together with any other
documents that may assist when processing the application

MDPH 75 has provided an information sheet as well as a list of documents to provide with regard to the application.
All of these forms and documents are available directly from MDPH 75, in
the local sections of the Centre d’action social de la Ville de Paris (CASVP)
(Centre for Social Care in Paris) and the Services sociaux départementsaux
polyvalents (SSDP) (Departmental Multi-disciplinary Social Services). They
can also be downloaded from www.handicap.paris.fr under the section
MDPH 75.

... and how is it processed?

Once the request has been sent to MDPH 75, it is
looked at by a processing team who check that it is
acceptable in administrative terms (completeness,
catchment area) then by a doctor who assesses if it is
medically acceptable.
The doctor may request additional documents or invite
the applicant to a medical appointment if required.
The MDPH 75’s multi-disciplinary team then rules on
the application and the CDAPH decides whether to
accept or reject it. The applicant then receives notice of
this decision.

Disability Payment Benefit (PCH)

PCH can be awarded to anyone, child or adult,
living at home or in a care centre, who is unable to
undertake any basic tasks of daily life (moving,
washing, communicating etc.) or has great
difficulty with at least two of these.

For adults, PCH is gradually replacing the third-party compensatory allowance (ACTP) and the compensatory
allowance for professional charges (ACFP). Adults already
receiving ACTP or ACFP can therefore choose between
renewing their benefit and applying for PCH for the first
time. Once PCH has been opted for, the choice is final.

For children, two options are proposed: either AEEH and
its supplements, or the basic AEEH together with PCH. It is
quite possible to amend this choice when the application
is renewed.

Needs covered by the PCH

- Human assistance for essential acts of daily life
- Technical assistance
- Provision of accommodation, vehicle
- Assumption of certain transport costs
- Other more unique or specific needs
- Assistance animals

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