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College of Direct Support Preferred Status Program

Philadelphia Insurance Companies (PHLY) is committed to the non-profit industry and assisting in the development of Direct Support Professionals. We believe firmly in [The College of Direct Support's \(CDS\)](#) mission to create a common knowledge base and culture among Direct Support Professionals to help those with disabilities lead full and self-directed lives in community-based settings.

[The CDS provides internet-based curricula](#) to enhance and develop a skilled workforce throughout the United States. In an effort to assist, PHLY is pleased to offer

The College of Direct Support's curriculum provides these benefits:

- Self-paced, interactive, and multimedia classes available anytime or anywhere, 24/7, 365 days a year.
- Each course is reviewed by six content experts who serve as editors and advisors.
- The College of Frontline Supervision and Management is a curriculum embedded in the CDS to educate supervisors and those wanting to be supervisors.
- Four courses added to the CDS curriculum annually (at no additional cost).
- Training that is consistent across all states, agencies and individuals supported.
- Available to all individuals who are part of the consumer's life, family, respite, the consumer and the direct care staff.
- Provides a validated and documented basis for "Pay for Performance" and earning a national credential through the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals.

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