

## Service Descriptions:

Day Habilitation provides individualized assistance with acquiring, retaining, and improving communication, socialization, self-direction, self-help, and adaptive skills necessary to reside in the community.

Respite provides planned or emergency short-term relief to a participant's unpaid caregiver when the caregiver is temporarily unavailable to provide supports due to non-routine circumstances. Respite may be provided either in or out of the participant's home.

Supported Employment provides ongoing assistance in developing the communication, socialization, self-direction, self-help, adaptive skills necessary to maintain employment in a community setting. This service provides ongoing assistance in maintaining employment.

Supports Coordination involves the location, coordination, and monitoring of needed services and supports. The Supports Coordinator will assist participants in obtaining and coordinating needed waiver and other State plan services, as well as housing, medical, social, vocational, and other community services, regardless of funding source.

Therapies are services provided by health care professionals that enable individuals to increase or maintain their ability to perform activities of daily living. Therapies in this waiver are limited to:

1. Occupational therapy by a registered occupational therapist based on documentation of a prescription for a specific therapy program by a physician. Occupational therapy can include independent evaluations of a participant's assistive technology or environmental modification needs, as described in the definitions of Assistive Technology and Environmental Modifications.
2. Speech/language therapy provided by a licensed speech therapist or certified audiologist upon examination and recommendation by a certified or certification-eligible audiologist or a licensed speech therapist.
3. Counseling provided by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.

Assistive Technology - An item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve a participant's communication, self-help, self-direction, and adaptive capabilities. This service also includes items necessary for life support and durable and non-durable medical equipment not available under the Medicaid state plan.

Behavioral Specialist Services will provides specialized behavioral support for individuals who may demonstrate behavioral challenges because of limited social skills, limited communication skills, or impaired sensory systems. Behavioral Specialist Services provide specialized interventions that assist a participant to increase adaptive behaviors to replace or modify challenging behaviors of a disruptive or destructive nature that prevent or interfere with the participant's inclusion in home and family life or community life.

Community Inclusion is designed to assist participants in acquiring, retaining, and improving communication, socialization, self-direction, self-help, and adaptive skills necessary to reside in the community. Community Inclusion facilitates the participant's social interaction; use of natural supports and typical community services available to all people; and participation in education and volunteer activities.

Community Transition Services are non-recurring set-up expenses for individuals who are transitioning from an institution to private residence where the person is directly responsible for his or her living expenses.

Environmental Modifications are physical adaptations to the participant's home outlined in the participant's ISP which are necessary to ensure the health and welfare of the participant and/or to enable the participant to function with greater independence in the home. Adaptations are limited to:

- A. Alarms and motion detectors on doors, windows, and/or fences;

- B. Brackets for appliances;
- C. Locks;
- D. Modifications, including vehicle modifications, needed to accommodate an individual's special sensitivity to sound, light or other environmental conditions,
- E. Outdoor gates and fences;
- F. Plexiglas windows;
- G. Raised electrical switches and sockets; and
- H. Home or vehicle adaptations for participants with physical disabilities, such as ramps, grab-bars, widening of doorways, or modification of bathroom facilities.

Family Counseling service provides caregiver counseling for the participant's family and informal network to develop and maintain healthy, stable relationships among all caregivers, including family members, in order to support the participant.

Family Training is a service available to develop expertise in the participant's family and informal care network so that caregivers can help the participant acquire, retain, or improve skills that directly improve the individual's ability to live independently.

Job Assessment and Finding provides support necessary to obtain paid or volunteer work in the community by participants receiving waiver services, including job assessment and job development.

Nutritional Consultation provides assistance to participants with an identified food allergy, food sensitivity, or a serious nutritional deficiency.

Temporary Crisis services provides additional staff in the short term at a time of crisis for a participant when it has been determined that the participant's health and welfare is in jeopardy and existing supports and services cannot be provided without additional staff assistance.

Transitional Work Services provide community employment opportunities in which the participant is working alongside other people with disabilities. The intent of this service is to support individuals in transition to integrated, competitive employment.

Residential habilitation assists individuals for up to 24 hours a day in acquiring, retaining, and improving the communication, socialization, self-direction, self-help, and adaptive skills in a residence other than their own or their parents'. Although it is a covered service, this waiver, unlike the MR Consolidated Waiver, does not provide any funding for room and board costs. Therefore, in order to access residential habilitation under this waiver, a different funding source for room and board costs would have to be obtained.