

HCBS Waiver Services

The Home and Community-Based Services waivers administered by APD offer 28 supports and services to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to live in their community. Services are provided based on individual need. Therefore, not all individuals receive all services. Below is a brief description of the primary service categories available to individuals. Additional information on these services is available through a local APD area office or your waiver support coordinator. Some services require a professional assessment to determine the scope of treatment. All services require determination of medical necessity.

Adult Day Training Services provide six hours per day of meaningful day activities that support the individual in daily routines of the community and include training in the areas of self-help, adaptive, and social skills. The services are provided in congregate, facility-based settings, and may include off-site enclaves or mobile work crews.

Adult Dental Services cover a full range of dental treatments and procedures that are not otherwise covered by Medicaid State Plan.

Behavior Analysis Services include the analysis, development, modification, and monitoring of behavior analysis service plans for the purpose of changing an individual's behavior.

Behavior Assistance Services consist of training for care providers in one-on-one activities related to the delivery of behavior services based on an established behavior plan, supervised by a behavior analyst, and approved by the local behavioral peer review committee.

Companion Services consist of nonmedical care, supervision, and goal-oriented activities provided to an adult when the caregiver is unavailable. Companion Services are used as a meaningful day program.

Consumable Medical Supplies are those *nondurable* supplies and items that enable individuals to increase their ability to perform activities of daily living, not otherwise available through Medicaid State Plan. Examples include incontinence supplies, wipes, pads, and over-the-counter medications related to the individual's specific medical condition. Consumable Medical Supplies exclude items of general use such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, mouthwash, bath soap, feminine hygiene supplies, razors, and shaving cream.

Dietitian Services are provided by a licensed dietitian who determines proper dietary and nutritional supports.

Durable Medical Equipment includes any prescriptive equipment, other than a wheelchair and its adaptation, that is prescribed by a physician, required by the individual, determined to be medically necessary, and not covered by the Medicaid State Plan. Examples include lap trays, grab bars, lifts, and individualized positioning equipment.

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations are physical adaptations to the home that are of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual or enable the individual access to the home. Major modifications require a professional assessment by a rehabilitation engineer. Excluded are new square footage, carpeting, fencing, roofing, swimming pools, spas, pool and spa heaters, central air conditioning, and all other items of general utility.

In-Home Support Services provide four to 24 hours a day of companionship, personal care, assistance with activities of daily living, and other activities necessary to maintain the individual in his or her own home.

Medication Review is a service provided by a pharmacist to certain individuals who are at risk for drug reactions or drug interactions because of their medical conditions or the types of medication they receive.

Occupational Therapy is a service that is necessary to produce specific functional outcomes in self-help, adaptive, and sensory motor skill areas, and assist the individual to

control and maneuver within the environment. It requires a physician's prescription.

Personal Care Assistance provides adults with nonmedical assistance with eating, bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, and activities of daily living.

Personal Emergency Response System is an electronic communication system that enables an individual who lives alone, or who is alone for extended periods of time, to secure help in the event of an emergency.

Physical Therapy is a service that is necessary to produce specific functional outcomes in ambulation, muscle control, and postural development, and prevent or reduce further physical disability. It requires a physician's prescription.

Private Duty Nursing Services are services prescribed by a physician provided by registered or licensed practical nurses within the scope of Florida's Nurse Practice Act. It is limited to individuals whose medical conditions are complex or who are recovering from acute illnesses that require temporary nursing care or supervision. Limited to services not otherwise covered by Medicaid State Plan.

Respiratory Therapy is a service that relates to impairment of respiratory function and other deficiencies of the cardiopulmonary system. It requires a physician's prescription.

Respite Care provides *short-term* supportive care and supervision to an individual when the primary caregiver is unavailable due to a planned temporary absence or unexpected illness.

Residential Habilitation is supervision and specific training activities in a licensed facility that help individuals to acquire, maintain, or improve daily living skills.

Residential Nursing Services are prescribed by a physician and consist of continuous nursing care provided by registered or licensed practical nurses within the scope of Florida's Nurse Practice Act for individuals who require daily nursing intervention in their residential facility.

Skilled Nursing Services are services prescribed by a physician and provided by registered or licensed practical nurses within the scope of Florida's Nurse Practice Act. They are limited to individuals whose medical conditions are complex or who are recovering from acute illnesses that require temporary nursing care or supervision. They are limited to services not otherwise covered by Medicaid State Plan.

Speech Therapy is a service that is necessary to produce specific functional outcomes in the communication skills of an individual with a speech, hearing, or language disability. It requires a physician's prescription.

Special Medical Home Care Services provide up to 24-hour-a-day nursing services and medical supervision to residents of a licensed group home that serves individuals with complex medical conditions.

Specialized Mental Health Services focus on the unique treatment of psychiatric disorders and rehabilitation for impairments for persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness. (Medicaid State Plan services must be used prior to waiver services.)

Support Coordination is the service of advocating, identifying, developing, coordinating, and accessing supports and services on behalf of an individual, or assisting an individual or family to access supports and services on their own, regardless of the funding source of the services.

Supported Employment Services are defined as assistance necessary for the individual to obtain and maintain competitive employment, which may be performed on a full-time or part-time basis in an integrated setting. The individual must be compensated at or above minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals who do not have disabilities.

Supported Living Coaching Services provide training and assistance in a wide variety of activities to support individuals who live in and maintain homes or apartments of

their own. Supports are provided by a supported living coach who maintains emergency backup 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Transportation provides rides to and from home and community-based waiver services to enable an individual to receive the supports and services identified on the support plan and approved cost plan.

Complete definitions, provider qualifications, service limitations, and documentation requirements can be found in the *Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook*.

SPECIAL NOTE: Residential Services provide long-term residential care in a home licensed by APD, or they coordinate residential care in facilities licensed by other agencies. This is not a waiver service but it is available to individuals on one of the HCBS waivers.

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