

Services offered through the Medicaid ID/DD Waiver program include:

Support Coordination is required for all participants. Support Coordinators provide assistance with service linkage and monitoring of service provision.

Behavior Support is designed to provide systematic behavior assessment, Behavior Support Plan development, consultation, restructuring of the environment and training for people whose behaviors are significantly disrupting their progress in learning, self-direction or community integration and/or are threatening to require movement to a more restrictive setting. This service also includes consultation and training provided to families and staff working with the person. The desired outcome of the service is long term behavior change.

Community Respite is provided in a community setting (DMH certified site which is not a private residence) and is designed to provide caregivers an avenue of receiving respite while the person receiving support is in a setting other than his/her home. Community Respite provides the person with a place to go which has scheduled activities to address individual preferences/requirements.

Crisis Intervention provides immediate therapeutic intervention, on a 24-hour basis, to address personal, social, and/or behavioral problems which otherwise are likely to threaten the health and safety of the person or others and/or may result in removal from his/her current living arrangement. Crisis Intervention includes consultation with family members, providers, and other caregivers to design and implement individualized Crisis Intervention Plans and provide additional direct services as needed to stabilize the situation.

Crisis Support Services are provided in an ICF/IID and are used when a person's behavioral or family/primary caregiver situation becomes such that there is a need for immediate specialized services that exceed the capacity of Crisis Intervention/Behavior Support. Crisis Support is time-limited in nature and provides the behavioral and emotional supports necessary to allow the person to return to his/her living arrangement. There is a maximum of 30 days per stay.

Day Services-Adult (DSA) assists and supports retention and/or improvement of skills that afford a person the greatest level of independence possible. Programs are required to provide numerous and varied opportunities to participate in activities in the community rather than in a center-based program. DSA services are available only to those people who are no longer eligible for services or receiving services from the school system (ages 18 and up). Transportation to and from the program and for community participation is provided.

Home and Community Supports are designed to primarily provide access to the community. Staff may assist with other activities such as bathing, meal preparation, eating, dressing, and light housekeeping, as needed. Leisure and community participation activities are the primary focus of the service. It is provided to people who live in their family home.

Host Homes are private homes where an eligible person lives with a family and receives personal and supportive services. Host Home Families are a stand-alone family living arrangement in which the principal caregiver in the Host Home assumes the direct responsibility for the physical, social, and emotional well-being of the person in a family environment. People who receive this service must be at least 5 years of age.

In-Home Respite provides temporary, periodic relief to those people normally providing care to the eligible person. Staff provides all necessary care the usual caregiver would provide during the same time period (e.g. bathing, dressing, eating, meal preparation, leisure activities). The majority of the service takes place in the family home, but short outings of up to two (2) hours may take place.

In-Home Nursing Respite provides the primary care giver(s) a break from the constant demands of caring for their family member who requires support. In-Home Nursing Respite is provided in the person's home and must be provided by a licensed nurse. Activities which typically take place are those that required skilled nursing care along with activities of daily living, meal preparation, and supervision. The need for medication alone is not justification for the service.

Job Discovery results in the development of a plan for achieving integrated employment and/or business plan development for self-employment. It is designed to assist with volunteerism, self-determination, and self-advocacy, identifying wants and needs for supports, job exploration, job shadowing, informational interviewing, labor market research, job and task analysis activities, and employment preparation (i.e., resume development, work procedures). Job discovery is time limited.) A person must be at least 18 years of age to participate in Job Discovery. Job discovery is a more intensive service than Supported Employment and is typically provided to people who have not been able to maintain or find jobs for extended periods of time.

Prevocational Services promote vocational skill development with the eventual outcome being employment in a workplace in the community, with or without support. Activities generally are not primarily directed at teaching job specific skills, but at broader skills which can be used in a variety of work settings (examples: increasing attention span, improving gross and fine motor skills, etc.). Prevocational Services are time limited and must have a career development goal. Services can be center based, or community based. Prevocational Services are available only to those people who are no longer eligible for services or receiving services from the school system (ages 18 and up). Transportation to and from the program and for job exploration activities is provided.

Shared Supported Living is for people ages 18 and older and is provided in a compact geographical area (e.g. an apartment complex). It is for people who do not require a staff person in the same residence with them at all times. Services include individually tailored supports which assist a person to live in a home or apartment with the greatest degree of independence possible. Staff supervision is provided at the program site anytime people receiving services are present. Staff supervision is also provided in the community. Community participation is to take place when and where people receiving services choose. There is awake staff available 24 hours per day/7 days per week and they must be able to respond to requests/needs for assistance from anyone receiving services within five (5) minutes. Transportation to and from day programs and community activities is provided.

Supervised Living is for people ages 18 and older and provides individually tailored supports which assist a person to live in the community with the greatest degree of independence possible (to include Behavioral and Medical Supervised Living services for eligible persons). Support is provided for activities of daily living, meal preparation, cleaning, finances, shopping, and other individual pursuits. Access to community activities is available when and where people receiving services choose. They must have access to the community to the same degree as others in the community. There must be staff in the dwelling 24 hours per day/seven days per week who can respond to calls for assistance immediately. Transportation to and from day programs and community activities is provided.

Supported Employment supports people in finding and keeping a job in the community. It is provided as two (2) distinct activities – Job Finding and Job Maintenance. Activities such as job exploration and applying for jobs are part of Job Finding. Assistance on the job to ensure the support necessary to be successful is part of Job Maintenance. Support is to be faded as the person learns the job and performs it successfully in an independent manner or supported employment can continue indefinitely, depending on the person and his/her particular level of support needs. A person cannot otherwise be eligible through the MS Department of Rehabilitation Services or their school district.

Supported Living is provided to people who reside in their own homes (either owned or leased). The purpose is to increase and enhance independent living. Supported Living provides direct assistance with activities of daily living such as grooming and personal needs, as well as instrumental activities of daily living which include assistance with planning and preparing meals, cleaning, transportation or assistance in securing transportation, assistance with ambulation and mobility, supervision of the person's safety and security, banking, shopping, and budgeting. Staff must be on call 24/7 in order to respond to emergencies via phone call or return to the person's home, depending on the type of emergency. People receiving Supported Living must be at least 18 years of age.

Therapies (Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech/Language Therapy) Therapy services are only reimbursable under the ID/DD Waiver for persons over the age of 21 that receive therapy in their home. Therapy services should only be provided in the beneficiary's home when it is not feasible to be rendered in a provider's office, clinic, or hospital setting and not strictly for convenience.

Transition Assistance is one-time financial assistance for people who transition from an institution (ICF/IID or a Nursing Home) to a less restrictive community living arrangement such as a house or apartment where they receive Supervised Living, Shared Supported Living or Supported Living services, or a Host Home living arrangement. Examples of items which can be purchased include: essential furnishings, linens, and security deposits, initial stocking of pantry, exterminator services, assistance with moving expenses, and utility set up fees. The maximum amount of assistance is \$800. Only expenses for items purchased may be reimbursed. These items cannot be available from another source.

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