

Supported Living Services Waiver Service Descriptions and Guide

All services available under the SLS Waiver are only those services not otherwise available under Medicaid State Plan benefits, third party liability coverage, or augmented by natural supports.

Personal Assistance Services

T1019

1 unit = 15 minutes

Personal Assistance services provide necessary personnel and supports to meet the daily living needs of a person with a developmental disability. These services and supports, including evaluation and assessment, are provided to ensure adequate functioning in the person's own home, someone else's home, or in the home of their natural or adoptive family.

Personal Assistance services may include support or training with a wide range of activities necessary to meet the daily living needs of the person in the home and community including:

- **Personal care**, such as hygiene, bathing, eating, dressing, grooming, bowel and bladder care, menstrual care, transferring, supervision, basic first aid, giving medications, relief to a family who normally provides personal care, emergency response in the form of human assistance and operating medical, assistive or adaptive equipment;
- **Household activities** necessary to maintain a home living environment on a day-to-day basis, such as meal preparation, shopping and chores, assistance with money management and personal finances, cleaning, laundry, household repairs and maintenance which are related to the person's disability;
- **Mentorship activities**, such as assistance with his/her participation on private and public boards, advisory groups and commissions, and person specific training costs associated with providing unique supported living services to an individual, such as training in child and infant care for parent(s) who themselves have a developmental disability.
- **Supported living consultation**: Supported living consultation includes assistance with decision-making, planning daily activities, and direct assistance to access community resources and/or service providers.

Day Habilitation Services

T2021 – Tiered (Tiers not yet determined for SLS persons)

1 unit = 15 minutes

- **Specialized Day Habilitation**
 - Generally in a non-integrated setting where a majority of the persons have a disability, such as program sites.
 - Such services include self-feeding, toileting, self-care, sensory stimulation and integration, self-sufficiency, maintenance skills, and supervision.
 - Specialized habilitation services may serve to reinforce skills or lessons taught in school, therapy, or other settings and, where appropriate, be coordinated with any physical, occupational, or speech therapies listed in the plan of care.
- **Community Accessibility Services**
 - Support the abilities and skills necessary to enable the individual to access the community and/or provide the basis for building skills that will assist the individual to access the community.
 - Services include socialization, adaptive skills, personnel to accompany and support the individual in all types of community settings, supplies and providing the necessary resources for participation in activities and functions in the community.

Supported Employment Services

T2019

1 unit = 15 minutes

Supported employment services, which consist of paid employment for persons for whom competitive employment is unlikely, and who, because of their disabilities, need intensive ongoing support to perform in a work setting.

Supported employment is conducted in a variety of settings, particularly work sites in which persons without disabilities are employed. Supported employment includes activities needed to sustain paid work by individuals including supervision and training. When supported employment services are provided at a work

site in which persons without developmental disabilities are employed, payment will be made only for the adaptations, supervision and training required by individuals receiving waiver services as a result of their disabilities, and will not include payment for the supervisory activities rendered as a normal part of the business setting. **This includes job coaching.**

Pre-Vocational Services

T2015

1 unit = 1

hour

Prevocational services are designed to assist individuals with developmental disabilities in acquiring and maintaining work habits and work-related skills. Prevocational services are intended to have a more generalized result as opposed to vocational training for a specific job. Individuals must have a demonstrated earning capacity of less than 50 percent of the federal minimum wage, as determined in accordance with certification standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Prevocational services encompass the following types of work-related activities:

- teaching an individual such concepts as following directions, attending to task, task completion, communication, decision-making, and problem-solving;
- training in the areas of safety, self-advocacy, and mobility;
- intervention and training needed to benefit from Prevocational services which would allow common barriers to participation to be avoided; and,
- travel training services may include providing, arranging, transporting, or accompanying a person with developmental disabilities to Prevocational services and supports identified in the plan of care.

When compensated, individuals are typically paid at less than 50 percent of the minimum wage.

Transportation Services

T2002

1 unit = 1 day

Transportation in order to enable individuals served on the waiver to gain access to waiver day program services and activities, specified by the plan of care.

Transportation services under the waiver, including vehicle modification, shall be offered in accordance with the individual's plan of care. Whenever possible, family, neighbors, friends, or community agencies that can provide this service without charge will be utilized.

Professional Services

97530

1 unit = 15 minutes

The following types of Professional services can be included under this waiver only when they are not available under the regular Medicaid State Plan or from a third party source:

Professional services are those services, including evaluation and assessment, provided for a person with a developmental disability which addresses the physical and mental needs of the person and require the service provider to be licensed or certified in a particular occupational skill area.

- **Behavioral services** needed for the individual to acquire or maintain appropriate interactions with others including individual or group counseling, behavioral interventions, diagnostic evaluations or consultations. Intervention modalities must relate to an identified behavioral need of the person and specific criteria for remediation of the behavior must be established;
- **Personal care functions** requiring professional care by an RN, LPN, Physician's Assistant or other such licensed or certified medical personnel. This may also include operating medical equipment.

Environmental Engineering – Home Modification and Assistive Technology

S5165 – Home Modification

1 unit = \$1

T2029 – Assistive Technology

1 unit = \$1

Environmental engineering consists of devices and adaptations identified in the plan of care which are necessary to overcome environmental barriers which people with disabilities face in their daily lives, whether in

their home or in their community. Such devices or adaptations minimize or eliminate the need for ongoing human assistance.

Environmental engineering can be included under this waiver when such devices or adaptations are not available under the regular Medicaid State Plan or third party source.

Environmental engineering is available to improve the individual's level of independent functioning in daily living by adapting or supplementing the person's environment through such means as:

- a. Adaptations to living quarters including showers, toilets, control switches for the home, kitchen equipment for the preparation of special diets and accessibility such as ramps and railings;
- b. Mobility devices to help people move around including wheelchairs (general use and customized) and vans adaptations (see the Medicaid State Plan first);
- c. Expressive and receptive communication augmentation including electronic communication boards,
- d. Skills acquisition supports which make learning more purposeful and useful including computers, adaptations and software, or instructional aids;
- e. Safety enhancing supports including security or emergency response systems, and specialized clothing (e.g. Velcro) if the cost is above and beyond that of normal personal needs expenses;
- f. Specialized medical equipment, non-durable medical equipment and supplies; and,
- g. Assessing the need for, arranging for, providing and maintaining such devices and/or adaptations.

***Environmental engineering is limited to a maximum of \$10,000 per individual within the duration of this waiver (6/30/09) except on a case-by-case basis the State may prior authorize additional funds for any individual.

Dental Services

D2999 – Treatment

1 unit = \$1

D0999 – Diagnostic

1 unit = \$1

These services are provided only when the services are not available through the Medicaid State Plan due to not meeting the need for medical necessity as defined in Health Care Policy and Financing rules at 8.011.11 or available through a third party resource.

Dental services include:

- a. Periodic examination and diagnosis
- b. Radiographs when indicated
- c. Detection of all manifestations of systemic disease
- d. Elimination of infection or life threatening oral conditions, disease of bone and soft tissue of the oral cavity, oral cancer, or cellulites
- e. Treatment of injuries
- f. Restoration of decayed or fractured teeth
- g. Retention or recovery of space between teeth when indicated

Vision Services

V2799

1 unit = \$1

These services are provided only when the services are not available through the Medicaid State Plan due to not meeting the need for medical necessity as defined in Health Care Policy and Financing rules at 8.011.11 or available through a third party resource.

Vision Services are provided by a licensed Optometrist or Physician and include:

- a. Eye exams and diagnosis
- b. Glasses, except after surgery
- c. Contacts
- d. Other medically necessary methods used to improve specific dysfunctions of the vision systems.

- e. Lasik and other similar types of procedures are only prior approved and allowable when the procedure is necessary due to documented specific behavioral complexities (i.e. constant destruction of eye glasses) associated with the client that make other more traditional remedies impractical.

Personal Care Item, not otherwise specified

1 unit = \$1

S-5199

This code should be used for any “item” billing that qualifies under the Personal Assistance definition in the Supported Living Services Waiver. The Community Centered Board shall identify in the notes field of the Community Contract Management System (CCMS) the specific description of the “item” that is being purchased (i.e. monthly rate for housekeeping).

Service Assessment

1 unit = \$1

T-2024

This code is to be used for assessments such as a behavioral assessment where the cost of the assessment is not tied to the number of hours to actually do the assessment. The Community Centered Board shall identify in the notes field of the Community Contract Management System (CCMS) the specific description of the assessment that is being purchased.

Waiver Services, not otherwise specified

1 unit = \$1

T-2025

This code is used for those other “item” purchases such as a bus pass. The Community Centered Board shall identify in the notes field of the Community Contract Management System (CCMS) the specific description of the item that is being purchased.