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## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Medicaid HCBS DD Services Providers

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**RE: Habilitative Community Inclusion Service to Support Hobby Activities**

The purpose of this provider bulletin is to clarify which activities may be supported while providing Habilitative Community Inclusion (HCI) services to Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver participants. Participants may be supported through HCI services in pursuing and engaging in activities which may earn the participant minimal or nominal amounts of money, but are not considered work activities or employment. These activities are referred to as “hobbies” or “sporadic activities.”

Hobbies include activities typically done for sport or recreation, or activities in which earning income to achieve greater self-sufficiency is not the primary aim.

If a participant has an employment or self-employment goal, the participant must be referred to Vocational Rehabilitation. Vocational Rehabilitation does not consider hobbies or sporadic activities to be competitive, integrated employment, and will determine if a participant’s activity meets the definition of employment or self-employment. Examples of activities not considered to be competitive, integrated employment include, but are not limited to: multilevel marketing, speculative ventures, and online resale.

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