

Adult Protective Services

Chapter 12.A Funding for APS Services

A. Purchased Services:

1. When providing protective services to adults, purchased service components may be provided, within limits, without regard to income, in order to stabilize the situation of an adult and provide the needed protection.
2. Adult Protective Service funds may be used to purchase goods or services necessary to reduce or eliminate danger or substantial risk of danger to individuals receiving adult protective services. Case service funds are available to meet short-term needs and may not be used when other funding sources are available, unless services would be delayed.
3. Purchased services that are often identified for APS include home-based services, adult day services, home-delivered or congregate meals, emergency shelter, transportation, other emergency needs, and any other services to stabilize the situation and/or prevent institutionalization.
4. The vulnerable adult is responsible for the costs of providing adult protective services if it is determined that the vulnerable adult is financially capable of paying for the services, either through the vulnerable adult's own income or through benefits received as a result of enrollment in services for which the vulnerable adult is eligible.
 - a. The following is the order in which the Department will determine the funding source for the purchase of services or items that the vulnerable adult needs to prevent further abuse and promote self-care and independent living.
 - i. The vulnerable adult's personal resources;
 - ii. Community resources;
 - iii. Other programs available to the vulnerable adult;
 - iv. The Department may purchase services under the Social Services Block Grant for the vulnerable adult without regard to income (WI) on a time-limited basis (up to 60 days) if no other options exist and those services are necessary to safeguard the vulnerable adult.

B. Supervisory Approval:

The CFS Specialist will make the request for funds to the CFS Supervisor.

C. Documenting Use of APS Funds

1. The CFS Specialist will document the use of APS funds in N-FOCUS system as follows:
 - a. Authorized use of funds using the service referral; and
 - b. Verification that the client received purchased services is documented.
2. When the need for services has been established using the general criteria, the CFS Specialist, the vulnerable adult, and his or her legal representative (as appropriate), will jointly determine the appropriate outcome(s) toward which the adult is working. The CFS Specialist will document the outcome(s) and authorized services in the APS case file.