

## **HABILITATIVE COMMUNITY INCLUSION**

Habilitative Community Inclusion services offer habilitative training and staff supports for the acquisition, retention, or improvement in self-help, and behavioral, socialization, and adaptive skills which take place in the community, separate from the individual's private residence or other residential living arrangement. Habilitative Community Inclusion services are furnished in any of a variety of settings in the community. Habilitative activities are designed to foster greater independence, community networking, and personal choice. Making connections with community members is a strong component of this service provision. Participants shall not be paid a wage for work activities while receiving Habilitative Community Inclusion services

Habilitative Community Inclusion services provide an opportunity for the participant to reinforce skills taught in therapies, counseling sessions, or other settings to plan and participate in community activities.

Habilitative Community Inclusion services must be furnished consistent with the participant's person-centered plan and include options and opportunities for community integration, relationship-building, and an increased presence in one's community. Habilitative Community Inclusion services include assisting with the common use of the community's transportation system as well as building and maintaining interpersonal relationships. Habilitative Community Inclusion services may include facilitation of inclusion of the individual within a community group or volunteer organization; opportunities for the participant to join formal/informal associations and community groups; opportunities for inclusion in a broad range of community settings including opportunities to pursue social and cultural interests, and choice making. Habilitative Community Inclusion services include assistance with activities of daily living (ADL), health maintenance, and supervision. Sixty percent of services must occur in community integrated activities.

Habilitative Community Inclusion services may be self-directed.

### **Scope and Limitation**

- Habilitative Community Inclusion services are available for any participant age 18 and older.
- This service cannot be provided in conjunction with In-Home Residential Habilitation or Residential Habilitation services.
- Participants who receive this service may also be authorized to receive a combination of Adult Day Service, Supported Employment (Individual, Enclave, and Follow-Along), Habilitative Workshop and/or Prevocational on the same service plan but not at the same time. The combination of services cannot exceed a weekly amount of 45 hours for one or more of these services.
- The amount of prior authorized services is based on the participant's need as documented in the service plan, and within the participant's approved annual budget.
- Habilitative Community Inclusion is reimbursed as an hourly unit.
- A participant receives a tiered service based upon needs identified in the Objective Assessment Process.
- Transportation to and from the participant's private residence, or other provider setting, to settings in the community for Habilitative Community Inclusion services is included in the reimbursement rate.

- Habilitative Community Inclusion shall not overlap with, supplant, or duplicate other services provided through Medicaid State plan or HCBS Waiver services.
- This service shall exclude any services available through public education programs funded under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This includes services not otherwise available through public education programs in the participant's local school district, including after school supervision and daytime services when school is not in session (i.e., summer breaks and/or scheduled school holidays, in-service days, etc.). Services cannot be provided during the school hours set by the local school district for the participant. Regular school hours and days apply for a child who receives home schooling.
- Habilitative Community Inclusion Services may be provided by a relative but not a legally responsible individual or guardian.
- An individual service provider or agency provider staff shall not provide Habilitative Community Inclusion services to adults and children at the same time. With the exception to participants 18 to 20 years of age who may receive Habilitative Community Inclusion services with adults.
- A Habilitative Community Inclusion service provider or provider staff must be 19 years of age.

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