

TRANSITIONAL SERVICES

Transitional Services are services and household set-up expenses not otherwise provided through this waiver or through the Medicaid State Plan that enables a participant to have opportunities for full membership in home and community based services.

Transitional Services are non-recurring basic household set-up expenses needed for participants transitioning from an institution to a private residence that remove the identified barriers or risks for the success of the transition. Transitional Services may include essential furniture, furnishings, household supplies, security deposits, basic utility (i.e., water, gas, and electricity) fees or deposits, or moving expenses. Funds may not be used to pay a rental deposit or rent. Transitional Services may be approved when the participant does not have the funds to purchase the item or service or the item or service is not available through another source, including relatives, friends, or any other source. Transitional Services will not be approved for a residence that is owned or leased by a provider of waiver services.

Transitional Services may be self-directed.

Scope and Limitation

- Transitional Services have a participant budget cap of \$1,500. A critical health or safety service request that exceeds the limit is subject to available funding and approval by the Division.
- 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.
- Transitional Services are authorized for direct reimbursement to the vendor.
- Medicaid funds may not be used to pay rent.
- An application must be submitted to Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children & Family Services Economic Support Unit for assistance prior to utilization of this service.
- Transitional Services cannot be used for personal care items (toiletries or things used for daily hygiene), food, or clothing, or items and services which are not essential to supporting the move or ensuring a successful transition.
- Transitional Services shall not overlap with, supplant, or duplicate other services provided through Medicaid State plan services, Money Follows the Person, or Nebraska DHHS Economic Support programs.
- Providers shall not exceed their charges to the general public when billing the waiver. A provider who offers a discount to certain individuals (for example, students, senior citizens, etc.) shall apply the same discount to the participants who would otherwise qualify for the discount.