

CHILD DAY HABILITATION

Child Day Habilitation Services provide children with regularly scheduled activities for part of the day. Services include training, coordination and intervention directed at skill development and maintenance, physical health promotion and maintenance, language development, cognitive development, socialization development, and money management. Child Day Habilitation activities are designed to foster greater independence and may focus on reinforcing skills taught in therapies, counseling sessions, or other settings. The schedule must be individualized and the training objective must be meaningful.

Supports may include facilitation of inclusion of the participant 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, choice making, and volunteer time, and may contribute to future employability.

Services may be provided at various times of the day in multiple settings, when other waiver services would not be more appropriate. Services may occur in a single physical environment or in multiple environments, including natural settings in the community. Training activities may involve children and their families.

Child Day Habilitation services also includes the provision of supplementary staffing necessary to meet the child's exceptional care needs in a day care setting.

For children ages 13 to 19, Child Day Habilitation services should encourage participants to develop a plan for employment. Participants shall not be paid a wage for work activities while receiving Child Habilitation.

Child Day Habilitation services may be self-directed.

Scope and Limitation

- Child Day Habilitation Services are available for any participant up to age of 18.
- Child Day Habilitation services cannot exceed an annual cap of 900 hours.
- A provider can receive reimbursement for up to two (2) participants at one time, with a limit of three (3) persons being supervised by a provider or provider staff at one time.
- The rate for this service does not include the basic cost of childcare unrelated to a child's disability. The "basic cost of child care" means the rate charged by and paid to a childcare center or individual provider for children who do not have special needs.
- 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.
- Child Habilitation 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 is not included in the reimbursement rate.

- Child Habilitation 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.
- Child Habilitation Services may be provided by a relative but not a legally responsible individual or guardian.
- A Child Habilitation service provider or provider staff must be 19 years of age to provide Child Habilitation services.

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