

Child Day Habilitation

The service definition and limits outlined below do not include all details and requirements. For the service standards, limitations, provider types and qualifications, and reimbursement information, refer to the appropriate Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver.

Waiver Availability

Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver
Family Support Waiver (FSW)

NFOCUS Service Codes

Child Day Habilitation – Agency or Independent 6396

Service Definition

Child Day Habilitation is a habilitative service, which provides teaching to develop, maintain, or improve upon adaptive life skills to a participant who is 20 years or younger. Child Day Habilitation takes place in the community, separate from the participant's private family home where the focus is providing support to promote independence and personal growth, while encouraging community integration.

Conditions of Provision

- A. Child Day Habilitation includes:
 - 1. Habilitative activities to increase independence;
 - 2. Inclusive community activities to increase social and leisure skills;
 - 3. Physical, medical, personal care, or behavior support a participant's needs related to their disability or special health condition; and
 - 4. Supervision and oversight beyond what is normally provided to a participant without a disability or special health condition.
- B. Child Day Habilitation is a habilitative service and must include habilitation programs. Individual habilitation programs must be conducted, and data recorded each time the service is provided.
- C. Examples of Child Day Habilitation include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Teaching a participant how to share with others;
 - 2. Teaching a participant how to participate in activities, such as games, coloring, and electronics, as related to their age; or
 - 3. Teaching a participant to tie shoes, zip/unzip coat, and wash hands and face.
- D. Child Day Habilitation has the following limitations:
 - 1. Available for participants who are under 21 years old and are living in their private family home.
 - 2. Child Day Habilitation cannot be provided by a guardian or legally responsible member of the participant's family.
 - 3. Child Day Habilitation cannot include any service or part of a service available through public education, including:

- a. Programs in the participant's local school district, including after-school supervision and daytime services when school is not in session such as summer breaks, scheduled school holidays, and teacher in-service days;
 - b. During the school hours set by the local school district for the participant regardless of school chosen (public, private, or home); and
 - c. Educational service hours provided or available are included in the total combined day service hours of 35 hours per week.
4. Participants receiving Residential Habilitation or Therapeutic Residential Habilitation cannot receive Child Day Habilitation.
 5. Participants receiving Child Day Habilitation cannot receive Community Integration.
 6. This service cannot overlap with, replace, or duplicate other similar services provided through Medicaid.
 7. Child Day Habilitation has a weekly cap of 70 hours for participants on the Comprehensive DD Waiver. There is no weekly cap for participants on the FSW. A week is defined as 12:00 am Monday through 11:59 pm Sunday.

Provider Requirements

The information outlined below does not include all provider requirements. It is intended to be general information about providers of this specific DD service.

- A. All providers of waiver services must:
 1. Be a Medicaid provider;
 2. Comply with all applicable Titles of the Nebraska Administrative Code and Nebraska State Statutes;
 3. Adhere to standards as described in the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Service Provider Agreement;
 4. Complete DHHS trainings upon request; and
 5. Use universal precautions.
- B. Child Day Habilitation can be offered by a DD agency provider or independent provider.
 1. A DD agency provider is a company enrolled as a Medicaid provider and certified by DHHS to provide DD services and is responsible for:
 - a. Hiring and supervising employees who work with the participant;
 - b. Employing staff based on their qualifications, experience, and demonstrated abilities;
 - c. Providing training to ensure staff are qualified to provide the necessary level of care;
 - d. Agreeing to make training plans available to DHHS;
 - e. Ensure adequate availability and quality of service; and
 - f. Other administrative functions.
 2. A DD independent provider is a person or vendor enrolled as a Medicaid provider and employed by a participant. The participant is responsible for hiring and supervising their provider.
- C. Child Day Habilitation can be self-directed.
- D. A relative of the participant, but not a guardian or other legally responsible person of the participant may provide Child Day Habilitation when they meet other requirements.

Rates

- A. Child Day Habilitation must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.
- B. Child Day Habilitation does not include the basic cost of childcare unrelated to a participant's disability.
 - 1. Basic cost of childcare is the rate charged by and paid to a childcare center or individual provider for children who do not have a disability or special health condition.
 - 2. The basic cost of childcare or the cost of regular childcare is the parent's or guardian's responsibility.
 - 3. Child Day Habilitation pays for above and beyond regular childcare, due to the child's unique need as related to their disability or special health condition.
- C. The cost of transportation is:
 - 1. Included in the rate during Child Day Habilitation;
 - 2. Not included in the rate to the site where Child Day Habilitation begins as this is the responsibility of the parent or guardian; and
 - 3. Not included in the rate from the site where Child Day Habilitation ends, as this is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.
- D. DD Rates are listed on the [DD Provider webpage](#).
 - 1. Only one fee schedule is effective at a time.
 - 2. The start date is on each schedule; once a fee schedule is no longer valid an end date is added.