

Continuous Home

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

NFOCUS Service Codes

Continuous Home 3992

Service Definition

Continuous Home is a habilitative service which consists of individually tailored continuous supports to assist with the acquisition, retention, or improvement in skills not yet mastered, which will lead to more independence for the participant to reside in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

Continuous Home must be delivered in a provider-owned or leased, operated, or controlled residential setting and provided by agency provider shift staff not living in the setting.

Conditions of Provision

- A. A participant chooses each service based on their needs.
 - 1. Services should increase independence and community integration; and
 - 2. The chosen waiver services and who provides them are documented in the participant's Person-Centered Plan (PCP).
- B. Continuous Home includes adaptive skill development of activities of daily living (ADLs) such as:
 - 1. Personal grooming and cleanliness;
 - 2. Laundry;
 - 3. Bed making and household chores;
 - 4. Eating and the preparation of food;
 - 5. Inclusive community activities;
 - 6. Transportation;
 - 7. Personal Care;
 - 8. Health maintenance activities;
 - 9. Supervision and protective oversight; and
 - 10. Social and leisure skill development necessary to enable the participant to live in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.
- C. Continuous Home can be provided when a participant is admitted to an in-patient, acute care hospital, due to a critical health or safety concern. Support includes:
 - 1. Habilitation to maintain learned skills;

2. Implementation of behavioral support, when needed; and
 3. Assistance with activities of daily living to support the participant's treatment and recovery.
 4. This level of support will assist the participant to not regress or lose learned skills they had before they were in an in-patient, acute care hospital.
- D. When a portion of this service is provided via Health Maintenance Monitoring, the following conditions apply:
1. Participants receiving Health Maintenance Monitoring must be under the supervision of a treating physician, physician's assistant, or advanced practice nurse who is directly providing care and treatment for their medical condition and not merely engaged to authorize the monitoring service.
 2. Electronic Health Maintenance Monitoring requires the participant or guardian to have the capability to utilize any monitoring tools involved or shall include the regular presence of an individual in the home who can utilize the involved monitoring tools and have the internet or cellular internet connection necessary to accommodate any needed remote patient monitoring equipment in the home.
 3. Interpretation of data and any teaching or coaching of the participant and guardian must be done by a Registered Nurse (RN), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), Medical Doctor (MD), or Doctors of Osteopathy (DO).
 4. The participant must be able to have in-person services when they choose.
- E. When a portion of this service is delivered remotely, the following conditions apply:
1. The total combined hours for remote supports may not exceed a weekly amount of 10 hours during awake hours. The majority of this service must be provided in person.
 2. Remote supports will be delivered in a way that respects the participant's privacy and is not intended to monitor ADLs. Video cameras/monitors are not allowed in bathrooms or bedrooms.
 3. The participant must be able to have in-person services when they choose.
- F. Placement is limited to those individuals who demonstrate any of the following assessed risks as determined by the State's approved functional needs assessment:
1. Behavioral/Harm to Self and Others; and
 2. Lack of natural supports for appropriate supervision and monitoring, based on the care needs of the participant; or
 3. Residential instability in the last two years.
 4. When requested, a clinical review of a participant's unique needs may be conducted to determine if Continuous Home is appropriate when not otherwise indicated by the State's approved functional needs assessment.
- G. Continuous Home has the following limitations:
1. Continuous Home is only available to participants aged 19 and older. Exceptions may be requested for participants aged 18 and under and will be subject to DDD Central Office approval.
 2. Continuous Home may be provided to no more than three participants in the residence at the same time, unless the residence is a licensed Center for the Developmentally Disabled.
 3. Continuous Home is based upon the participant's assessed need or risk requiring the service identified.

4. Participants receiving Continuous Home cannot receive Respite, LRI Personal Care, or Homemaker services.
 5. Participants receiving Continuous Home daily rate cannot receive Host Home, Independent Living, Shared Living, or Supported Family Living on the same day.
 6. Medicaid payment may not be made for the cost of room and board, including the cost of building maintenance, upkeep, and improvement.
 7. The provider agency is responsible for staffing.
- H. A lease, residency agreement, or other form of written agreement will be in place for each participant receiving a Continuous Home service. The participant has, at a minimum, the same responsibilities and protections from eviction that tenants have under the landlord/tenant laws of the state, county, city, or other designated entity.


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 licensure standards, 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. Continuous Home can be offered by DD agency providers.
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.
- C. Continuous Home cannot be self-directed.
- D. Continuous Home may be provided by a relative or Legal Guardian, but not a Legally Responsible Individual. Since this service is only available from agency providers, the relative or Legal Guardian would need to be an employee of an agency provider.

Rates

- A. Continuous Home must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.
- B. Continuous Home is reimbursed at a daily rate.
1. The provider must be in the residence with the participant, providing a combination of habilitation, supports, protective oversight, and supervision for a minimum of 10 hours in a 24-hour period 12:00 am - 11:59 pm for the provider to bill a daily rate.

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2. When the provider is in the residence with the participant, providing a combination of habilitation, supports, protective oversight, and supervision for any amount of time less than 10 hours in a 24-hour period 12:00 am - 11:59 pm, the provider will be paid at half of the daily rate.
- C. The cost of transportation is:
1. Included in the rate during Continuous Home;
 2. Included in the rate to the site where Continuous Home begins; and
 3. Included in the rate from the site where Continuous Home ends.
- 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.