

Family Caregiver Training

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

Family Support Waiver (FSW)

NFOCUS Service Codes

Family Caregiver Training 5827

Service Definition

Family Caregiver Training service is person-centered and provides individualized training and education to the unpaid caregiver currently living in the family home who provides support to the participant. Family Caregiver Training is intended to assist the unpaid caregiver in understanding and addressing the participant's needs by building upon their skills and knowledge to become more proficient in assisting the participant in reaching their life goals.

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. Family Caregiver Training service may address such areas as:
 1. Understand the disability of the participant supported;
 2. Achieve greater competence and confidence in providing support;
 3. Develop or enhance key parenting strategies; and
 4. Other areas so that the unpaid caregiver can most effectively support the participant's desired goals and outcomes as described in the person-centered service plan.
- C. Family Caregiver Training service must be necessary in order to achieve the expected outcomes identified in the participant's person-centered service plan and must be directly related to the role of the unpaid caregiver in supporting the participant in areas specified in the person-centered service plan. All training for the caregiver who provides unpaid support to the participant must be included in the participant's service plan.
- D. The provider is responsible for ensuring virtual technologies used comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, and 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 164.102 to section 164.534.
- E. Family Caregiver Training has the following limitations:

1. This service may not be provided in order to train or educate paid caregivers.
2. This service must not overlap with, supplant, or duplicate other comparable services provided through the Medicaid State plan, including Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT), or HCBS Waiver services.

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. Family Caregiver Training can be offered by a vendor.
 1. A vendor is a company or agency enrolled as a Medicaid provider, but not certified as a DD provider.
- C. A relative of the participant, but not a guardian or other legally responsible person of the participant, may provide Family Caregiver Training when they meet other requirements. Since this service is only available from agency providers, the relative would need to be an employee of an agency provider.
- D. Family Caregiver Training may not be self-directed.

Rates

- A. Family Caregiver Training includes payment available for registration and training fees associated with formal instruction in areas relevant to the participant's needs identified in the service plan.
 1. Payment is not available for the costs of travel/transportation, meals, and overnight lodging to attend a training event or conference.
- B. The amount of prior authorized services is based on the participant's need as documented in the person-centered service plan, and within the participant's approved annual budget.
- C. Educational/training programs, workshops, and conference registration costs for the unpaid caregiver are limited to \$500.00 per annual budget year.
- 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.