

Homemaker

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

Homemaker – Agency 9769
Homemaker – Independent 9393

Service Definition

Homemaker is a support to assist with general household activities when the family member usually responsible is temporarily absent or unable to manage the home. This service is only available to a participant age of 18 and younger who lives with an unpaid caregiver. This service is not available to a participant at or above the age of 19 because they can use other DHHS services to meet the same need.

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 Individual Support Plan (ISP).
- B. Homemaker includes:
 - 1. Meal preparation;
 - 2. Laundry;
 - 3. Errands; and
 - 4. Routine household care.
- C. Homemaker is not a habilitative service.
- D. Examples of when Homemaker may be used include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Responsible family member is ill or in the hospital;
 - 2. Responsible family member is injured; or
 - 3. Responsible family member is out of town.
- E. Homemaker has the following limitations:
 - 1. Homemaker does not include direct care or supervision of the participant.
 - 2. Homemaker is provided in the participant's private home, and not a provider owned or leased, operated, or controlled residence.

3. Homemaker cannot be provided to a participant receiving:
 - a. Independent Living;
 - b. Residential Habilitation – Continuous Home;
 - c. Residential Habilitation – Shared Living;
 - d. Residential Habilitation – Host Home; or
 - e. Therapeutic Residential Habilitation.
4. Homemaker cannot duplicate or replace natural supports, such as, other family members, neighbors, or friends.
5. Homemaker cannot overlap with, replace, or duplicate other similar services provided through Medicaid.

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. Homemaker can be offered by a DD agency provider, independent provider, or a vendor.
 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.
 - a. The participant is responsible for hiring and supervising their provider.
 3. A vendor is a company or agency enrolled as a Medicaid provider, but not certified as a DD provider.
- C. Homemaker can be self-directed.
- D. A relative of the participant, but not a guardian or other legally responsible person of the participant may provide Homemaker when they meet other requirements.
- E. Homemaker cannot be provided by a provider who lives in the same home as the participant.

- F. Homemaker requires an operational electronic visit verification (EVV) system which allows the check-in and out-of-service appointments electronically. Computer skills and access to the technology for the EVV system are required for Homemaker providers.

Rates

- A. Homemaker must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.
- B. Homemaker is reimbursed at an hourly rate.
- C. Homemaker has an annual cap of 520 hours.
- D. The cost of transportation is not included.
- E. 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.