

Host 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

Host Home 9293

Service Definition

Host Home is delivered in a private home owned or leased as the sole residence by an individual, couple, or a family chosen by the participant, and who is an employee of the provider agency authorized to provide the service. The Host Home employee and the participant live together in the host home, and the participant shares daily life with the Host Home family in their home and community.

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. Host 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. Host 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. A 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 Host Home is appropriate when not otherwise indicated by the State's approved functional needs assessment.
- G. Host Home has the following limitations:
1. Host 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. Host Home may be provided for up to three participants, based on the participant's assessed needs when approved by DDD Central Office.
 3. Host Home is based upon the participant's assessed need or risk requiring the service identified in the Objective Assessment Process (OAP).
 4. Participants receiving Host Home cannot receive Respite, LRI Personal Care, or Homemaker services.

- 5. Participants receiving Host Home daily rate cannot receive Continuous 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.
- H. During awake hours, the Host Home employee must provide supervision as indicated by assessed needs and as documented in the participant's service plan. Overnight, the Host Home employee may be asleep, but must be present and available to respond immediately to the individuals' needs and emergencies.
- I. Back-up staff must be chosen by the participant, documented in the participant's service plan, and must meet all provider qualifications. The amount of back-up staff hours is limited to not more than 360 hours per annual budget year.
- J. A lease, residency agreement, or other form of written agreement will be in place for each participant receiving Host 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 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. Host 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. Host Home cannot be self-directed.
- D. Host 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. Host Home must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.

- B. Host 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.
 - 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 Host Home;
 - 2. Included in the rate to the site where Host Home begins; and
 - 3. Included in the rate from the site where Host 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.