

LRI Personal Care

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)

Developmental Disabilities Day Services Waiver for Adults (DDAD) Waiver

Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver

NFOCUS Service Codes

DD LRI Personal Care – Agency 8317

DD LRI Personal Care – Independent 3593

Service Definition

Legally Responsible Individual (LRI) Personal Care is a service of the HCBS Waiver for Aged and Adults and Children with Disabilities (AD), which provides needed assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), health-related tasks, or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) provided in a participant's home and other community settings. LRI Personal Care offers a range of assistance to enable waiver participants to accomplish tasks a person would do for themselves if they did not have a disability. This service can only be authorized if the participant meets the Nebraska definition of Extraordinary Care using the Extraordinary Care Instrument (DD-26). Only the qualifying need categories identified in the Extraordinary Care Instrument will be included in the authorization calculation.

Extraordinary Care is defined as hands-on assistance with ADLs and IADLs that exceeds the range of activities a parent or spouse would ordinarily perform in the household on behalf of a person without a disability or chronic illness of the same age.

Conditions of Provision

- A. The need for each activity under LRI Personal Care must be determined by the outcome of the Extraordinary Care assessment and included in the person-centered plan (PCP).
- B. Only needs that meet the definition of Extraordinary Care are included in what can be authorized.
- C. LRI Personal Care caregivers cannot bill to provide services to more than one participant at a time.
- D. LRI Personal Care Services cannot exceed 40 hours per week. If the individual is assessed at more than 40 hours per week, only 40 hours will be authorized across all LRI providers.
- E. The participant may be assessed for assistance in one or more of the areas outlined in Appendix I, with age limitations for some needs.
- F. LRI Personal Care may not be self-directed.

Need Category

- A. The task definitions of the Extraordinary Care Tool are referenced in Appendix I of this document.
- B. Assistance provided is hands-on assistance in which the provider performs a task for the person.
- C. Services are provided on an episodic basis.
- D. LRI Personal Care is provided to the participant in a way to maintain as much independence and privacy as possible.
- E. At least monthly, the Service Coordinator and participant monitor the participant's PCP, including checking the use or non-use of waiver services.
- F. A participant cannot be authorized to receive this service at times that overlap with Personal Care, Companion, Adult Day, Respite, Extra Care for Children with Disabilities, Independent Skills Building, or Non-Medical Transportation 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 Department of Health and Human Services trainings upon request; and
 - 5. Use universal precautions.
- B. LRI Personal Care may not be self-directed.
- C. LRI Personal Care providers must be an LRI to the participant.
- D. LRI Personal Care must:
 - 1. Have an operational electronic visit verification (EVV) system that allows the check-in and out of service appointments electronically; and
 - 2. Have the computer skills and technology needed to navigate the state-mandated case management system.

Rates

- A. LRI Personal Care must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.
- B. LRI Personal Care is reimbursed at an hourly rate.
- C. The cost of transportation is not included in the rate for this service.
- 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.

DEFINITIONS	
Turning/Positioning	Grooming
Turning the participant's body or changing their body's position in a bed or seating to prevent bed sores, improve body function, and alleviate discomfort.	Using clippers to trim fingernails and toenails, brushing or combing hair, shaving, washing and drying hands and face, and oral or denture care. This task excludes any grooming activity that is completed during bathing.
Transfer Assistance	Toileting
Physical assistance is required from at least one person to transfer the participant between surfaces. Examples include transferring the participant into their wheelchair, lift, stander, or in and out of vehicles. This task excludes transferring on and off the toilet, and in and out of the bath/shower.	Completing all steps required to manage bowel or bladder functions when needed, including bedpan routine, female menstrual care, cleaning and skin care, and changing briefs. This task includes transferring on and off the toilet, and ostomy and catheter care.
Bathing	Meal Preparation
Completing all steps necessary to clean the participant's body in a shower, bathtub, or bed bath as their body requires to maintain their health and safety. This task includes transferring in and out of the bath or shower.	Completing tasks of altering food by thickening liquids, chopping, grinding, pureeing, or blending to achieve a soft, manageable consistency. This task excludes any meal prep that is not specifically related to the participant's needs and full meal prep for the participant.
Dressing	Medical Feeding Assistance
Completing all steps necessary to physically put on and remove clothing items and shoes, including TED hose. This also includes using zippers, buttons, snaps, shoestrings, Velcro, or other means to secure clothing to the participant's body. This task excludes all aspects of personal grooming.	Participant requires oral stimulation, jaw positioning, tube feeding, or to be physically hand-fed by another person. Tube feeding includes the administration of liquids or nutrition via G/J-Tube.
Respiratory/Pulmonary Care	Medication Administration - Spousal LRI Only
Participant requires suctioning, vent care, trach care, or oxygen administration.	Completing all steps necessary to safely administer prescription or over-the-counter medications as directed by the participant's prescriber or medical provider. Steps may include: filling prescriptions, ensuring the correct medication amount, type, and dosage is received from the pharmacy; reporting any concerns with medications received or adverse reactions to medications; administering the correct medication amount, type, and dosage; or accessing medication containers. This may also include administering medication by various methods dependent upon the participant's needs, such as medication administration via G/J-Tube, pump, intravenous injection, inhalation, crushing medications into food or drink, or liquid medication administration.

Accessing Transportation – Spousal LRI Only	Communication - Spousal LRI Only
<p>Completing all steps necessary to coordinate and use transportation not provided by the participant's primary caregiver to access community places, such as an Uber or Lyft ride, cab ride, bus ride, or ride with an informal support. Steps to set up transportation could include using an app or calling to schedule a ride, waiting at the pickup location during the selected time, communicating with the driver or business as needed, and paying for the ride.</p>	<p>Participant is unable to share their wants, needs, and interests with others by using various means, such as verbal communication, written communication, American Sign Language, cued speech, assisted communication devices or apps, or Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). Communication is specific to accompanying a participant to medical appointments and therapies.</p>