

Shared Living

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

Shared Living 1472

Service Definition

Shared Living is delivered in a private home owned or leased by an individual, couple, or a family chosen by the participant, and who is an independent contractor of the provider agency authorized to deliver direct services and support. The Shared Living contractor and the participant live together in the sole residence, and the participant shares daily life with the Shared Living 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. Shared Living 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. Shared Living 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. 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 Shared Living is appropriate when not otherwise indicated by the State's approved functional needs assessment.
- G. Shared Living has the following limitations:
1. Shared living 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. No SLP or adult living in the home can serve as day staff for any participant living in their home.
 3. A DD agency provider cannot own or lease the home in which Shared Living is provided.
 4. The total number of state-funded individuals (including participants served in the waiver) living in the home is based on the participant's assessed need but cannot exceed two (2) unless approved by DDD Central Office.

- 5. Participants receiving the Shared Living daily rate cannot receive Host Home, Continuous Home, Independent Living, or Supported Family Living on the same day.
- 6. Participants receiving Shared Living cannot receive Respite, LRI Personal Care, and Homemaker.
- H. During awake hours, the Shared Living contractor must provide supervision as indicated by assessed needs and as documented in the participant's service plan. Overnight, the Shared Living contractor 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 Shared Living 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. Shared Living 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. Shared Living cannot be self-directed.
- D. Shared Living may be provided by a relative but not a Legal Guardian or Legally Responsible Individual. Since this service is only available from agency providers, the relative would need to be contracted through an agency provider.

Rates

- A. Shared Living must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.

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