

Transitional

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

Service Definition

Transitional service assists with one-time household set-up expenses and supports to help a participant move from an institutional setting into a private home so they may receive Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver services. Transitional service may be approved when the participant does not have funds for household expenses.

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. Transitional service includes expenses such as:
 - 1. Essential furniture;
 - 2. Household supplies;
 - 3. Security deposits, such as one month's rental amount to cover damages;
 - 4. Basic utility fees or deposits, such as water, gas, and electricity; or
 - 5. Moving expenses.
- C. Transitional service is not a habilitative service.
- D. Transitional service has the following limitations:
 - 1. Transitional service cannot be used to move into a provider owned or leased, operated, or controlled home.
 - 2. Transitional service is available to a participant moving from an institution in Nebraska to a private home. Transitional service can only be used when moving from the following institutional settings:
 - a. An intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID);
 - b. A skilled nursing facility; or
 - c. A regional center.
 - 3. Transitional service cannot be used to pay rent or a rental deposit to hold the location.
 - 4. Transitional service cannot be used for personal care items, food, clothing, or items and services which are not essential.

5. A provider cannot charge more than they would to the general public. A provider who offers a discount to a certain group of people, such as students or senior citizens, must offer the same discount to a participant in that group.
6. Transitional service 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. Transitional service can be offered by a DD agency provider or independent provider.
 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.
- C. Transitional service can be self-directed.
- D. A relative of the participant, but not a guardian or other legally responsible person of the participant may provide Transitional service when they meet other requirements.

Rates

- A. Transitional service must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.
- B. Transitional service is reimbursed per expense.
- C. Transitional service has a one-time cap of \$1,500.
- D. The cost of transportation is not included in the rate for Transitional services.