

Office of Developmental Programs – Service Descriptions*

The service descriptions below do not represent the comprehensive Service Definition as listed in each of the Waivers. Please refer to the appropriate Waiver Program for a comprehensive service definition as well as any service limitations and provider qualifications.

Service Type	Service Name	Service Description	Program/ Waiver(s)	Units of Service
Other Service	American Sign Language - English Interpreter Service	The American Sign Language (ASL) - English Interpreter Service is for individuals who utilize ASL. Interpreting is the process of conveying English in grammatically correct American Sign Language and the process of conveying American Sign Language in English.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Advanced Supported Employment	An enhanced version of supported employment services that includes discovery, job development and systematic instruction to learn the key tasks and responsibilities of the position and intensive job coaching and supports that lead to job stabilization and retention. Providers are paid for three separate outcomes: 1) Discovery profile; 2) Securing a job; and 3) Retention of job.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Assistive Technology	The purchase, modification or repair of assistive technology for increased functional involvement of individuals in their activities of daily living. In general, there is a lifetime limit of \$10,000 with exceptions and a variance process to request technology above the limit.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Behavioral Support	This service is available for individuals age 21 and older and includes comprehensive assessment, the development of and revisions to a behavioral support plan that includes strategies to support the individual based upon assessment, and the provision of interventions and training to individuals, staff and caregivers. There are two levels of service that reflect the differing levels of provider qualifications and the needs of the individual.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Benefits Counseling	This service informs an individual about competitive integrated employment and how and whether it will result in increased economic self-sufficiency and/or net financial benefit through the use of various work incentives. It will also provide information on essential benefit programs.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes

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Statutory Service	Chore	Chore services consist of services needed to maintain the home in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition. Chore services consist of heavy household activities such as washing floors, windows, and walls; tacking down loose rugs and tiles; moving heavy items of furniture in order to provide safe access and egress; ice, snow, and/or leaf removal; and yard maintenance. In the case of rental property, the responsibility of the landlord, pursuant to the lease agreement, will be examined prior to any authorization of service. Maintenance in the form of upkeep and improvements to the participant's home is excluded from federal financial participation.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Hour
Other Service	Communication Specialist	This service determines the individual's communication needs and educates the individual and his or her caregivers on those needs and the best way to meet them in his or her daily life. This service includes helping to establish environments that emphasize the use of visual cues and other appropriate communication methods, assistance in the development and implementation of an action plan and educating entities about the individual's needs related to communication access, legal responsibilities and cultural and linguistic needs.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Statutory Service	Community Participation Support	This service provides opportunities and support for community inclusion and building interest in and developing skills and potential for competitive integrated employment. This service may be provided in community locations, community hubs, licensed adult training facilities, licensed Older Adult Daily Living Centers and licensed vocational facilities.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Companion	This service is intended to assist an individual who is age 18 or older to participate more meaningfully in home and community life. It is provided to individuals living in private homes for the purposes of providing supervision or assistance that is designed to ensure the individual's health, safety and welfare or to perform activities of daily living for the individual.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Consultative Nutritional Service	This service assists unpaid caregivers and/or paid support staff in carrying out an individual's treatment/service plan with the goal of improving or sustaining the individual's health status and improving his or her independence and inclusion in the community. The service may include assessment, plan development, training and monitoring.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes

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Statutory Service	Education Support Services	This service is limited to payment for the following: tuition, general fees, on campus peer support, classes to teach individuals who are deaf and adult education or tutoring program for reading or math instruction. Individuals must have an employment outcome, or an outcome related to skill attainment or development which is documented in the service plan and is related to the Education Support need. There is a lifetime limit of \$40,000 toward tuition and a \$5000 limit per semester of on campus peer support.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Family/ Caregiver Training and Support – Training and Counseling	This service provides professional training and counseling services for unpaid family members or caregivers who provide support to an individual. It is intended to develop, strengthen and maintain healthy, stable relationships among the individual and all members of the individual's informal network, to support achievement of the goals in the individual's service plan.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Family/ Caregiver Training and Support – Registration and Fees	The amount of training or registration fees for the unpaid family member or caregiver's registration costs at specific training events, workshops, seminars or conferences is limited to \$500 per fiscal year.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Family Medical Support Assistance	This service assists with the management of services in the individual's private home related to the medical needs of individuals who use medically necessary technology and require nursing. This service does not involve direct care. Providers are required to render both components of the service.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Home Accessibility Adaptations	This service consists of modifications to the private home of the individual. The modification(s) must be necessary due to the individual's disability, to ensure the health, security of, and accessibility for the individual, or which enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home. Maximum limit for home adaptations is \$20,000 per individual over a 10-year period with a variance process for specific modifications above the limit.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based

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Statutory Service	Homemaker	Homemaker services enable the participant or the family member(s) or friend(s) with whom the participant resides to maintain their primary private home. This service can only be provided when a household member is temporarily absent or unable to manage the home, or when no landlord or provider agency staff is responsible to perform the homemaker activities. Homemaker Services include cleaning and laundry, meal preparation, and other general household care.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Hour
Other Service	Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services	This service includes pre-tenancy and housing sustaining support to assist individuals in being successful tenants in private homes owned, rented or leased by the individuals.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Statutory Service	In-Home and Community Support	This service is provided in home and community settings to assist individuals in acquiring, maintaining and improving the skills to live in the community, to live more independently, and to participate meaningfully in community life. When In-Home and Community Support is provided in community settings, the settings must be inclusive rather than segregated.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Life Sharing	This is a provider agency managed service that occurs in private homes licensed under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6500 and private homes that are unlicensed as well as other inclusive community settings. Through the provision of this service, individuals will acquire, maintain, or improve skills necessary to live in the community, to live more independently, and to participate meaningfully in community life. Services consist of assistance, support and guidance in the general areas of everyday living.	Consolidated Comm. Living Base	Day

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Statutory Service	Music Therapy, Art Therapy and Equine Assisted Therapy	Direct therapy services provided to an individual who could benefit by the provision of therapy to maintain, improve or prevent regression of the individual's condition and assist in the acquisition, retention or improvement of skills necessary for the individual to live and work in the community. The initial session of Music Therapy, Art Therapy or Equine Assisted Therapy must include an assessment of the individual's need for the service. If additional sessions are indicated, therapists providing these services must develop a treatment plan that reflects individualized, attainable goals.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Participant-Directed Goods and Services	These are services, equipment or supplies available to individuals who choose to self-direct this service. Services include those not otherwise provided through other services offered in this waiver, the Medicaid State Plan, or a responsible third party. Participant-Directed Goods and Services must address an identified need in the individual's service plan. There is a \$2,000 annual limit to this service.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Small Group Employment Services	Small Group Employment services consist of supporting individuals in transitioning to competitive integrated employment through work that occurs in a location other than a facility subject to 55 Pa. Code Chapter 2380 or Chapter 2390 regulations. The goal of Small Group Employment services is competitive integrated employment. Small Group Employment service options include mobile work force, workstation in industry, affirmative industry, and enclave.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Shift Nursing – RN	This service consists of Nursing services for individuals age 21 and older within the scope of practice.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Shift Nursing – LPN	This service consists of Nursing services for individuals age 21 and older within the scope of practice.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes

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Other Service	Remote Supports	This service assists individuals aged 16 and older in obtaining and/or maintaining their independence and safety within their private home and in the community and to decrease the need for assistance from others. Remote Supports is used during periods of time that direct services are not required.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Statutory Service	Residential Habilitation – Child Residential Services	Child Residential Services (the residential section of 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3800, Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities): The 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3800 services that may be funded through the Waiver are limited to residential service settings.	Consolidated Base	Day
Statutory Service	Residential Habilitation – Community Residential Rehabilitation Services for the Mentally Ill	Community Residential Rehabilitation Services for the Mentally Ill (CRRS) licensed under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6310 are characterized as transitional residential programs in community settings for individuals with chronic psychiatric disabilities. This service is full-care CRRS for adults with intellectual disability and mental illness. Full-care CRRS for adults is a program that provides living accommodations for individuals who are psychiatrically disabled and display severe community adjustment problems. A full range of personal assistance and psychological rehabilitation is provided for individuals in a structured living environment.	Consolidated Base	Day
Statutory Service	Residential Habilitation – Community Homes for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Autism	A licensed Community Home is a home where services are provided to individuals with an intellectual disability or autism. A community home is defined in regulations (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400) as, "A building or separate dwelling unit in which residential care is provided to one or more individuals with an intellectual disability or autism". In licensed Community Homes, services may be provided up to the approved program capacity of the home.	Consolidated Base	Day
Statutory Service	Residential Habilitation – Unlicensed	Residential Habilitation may be provided to individuals who live in unlicensed provider- owned, rented or leased settings. The 55 Pa. Code §6400.3(f)(7) licensing regulations exclude community homes that serve 3 or fewer individuals with an intellectual disability or autism 18 years of age or older who need a yearly average of 30 hours or less of direct staff contact per week per home.	Consolidated Comm. Living Base	Day

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Statutory Service	Respite, Day	These are services that are provided to supervise and support individuals living in private homes on a short-term basis for planned or emergency situations, giving the person(s) normally providing care a period of relief that may be scheduled or due to an emergency. There is a limit of 30 units per fiscal year with a variance process to request additional units.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living	Day
Statutory Service	Respite, 15 Minutes	These are services that are provided to supervise and support individuals living in private homes on a short-term basis for planned or emergency situations, giving the person(s) normally providing care a period of relief that may be scheduled or due to an emergency. There is a limit of 480 units per fiscal year in the Consolidated waiver and 1440 units per fiscal year in the P/FDS and Community Living waivers with a variance process to request additional units.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living	15 Minutes
Extended State Plan Service	Specialized Supplies	This service consists of incontinence supplies and personal protective equipment for individuals age 21 and older. Specialized Supplies must be medically necessary and are not a covered service through the MA State Plan, Medicare or private insurance.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Specialty Telehealth and Assessment Team	This service provides a right-on-time telehealth assessment when the individual's primary care physician is unavailable or unable to determine the best clinical course of action, often avoiding unnecessary emergency room visits. Specialty Telehealth and Assessment Team services are designed to coordinate individuals' care with local emergency departments, urgent care facilities, primary care physicians, and other healthcare providers to enable real time medical support, consultation and coordination on physical health issues and to assist individuals, families and providers to understand presenting health symptoms and to identify the most appropriate next steps. If a hospital visit is clinically necessary, this service allows the provider to communicate with the emergency department directly, ensuring advance preparation for the emergency department and potentially decreasing the need for inpatient admission.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Statutory Service	Supported Employment	Supported Employment services are provided in a variety of community settings for the purpose of supporting individuals in obtaining and sustaining competitive integrated employment. Competitive integrated employment refers to full or part-time work at minimum wage or higher, with wages and benefits similar to workers without disabilities performing the same work and fully integrated with coworkers without disabilities.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes

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Other Service	Supported Living	Individuals receiving this agency managed service will be supported to live in a private home owned, leased or rented by the individual. This service will support individuals to acquire, maintain or improve skills necessary to live more independently and be more productive and participatory in community life. In the Community Living Waiver, Supported Living is provided for participants in Needs Group 1 or 2.	Consolidated Base Comm. Living	Day
Support for Participant Direction	Supports Broker Service	This service is available to individuals who elect to self-direct their services through either the Agency with Choice or Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent models. The Supports Broker service is designed to assist individuals or their designated surrogate with employer-related functions in order to be successful in self-directing some or all of the individuals' needed services.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Statutory Service	Supports Coordination	This service involves the primary functions of locating, coordinating, and monitoring needed services and supports for individuals.	Consolidated P/FDS	15 Minutes
Other Service	Therapy Services	Therapy services includes the following: physical therapy; occupational therapy; speech/language therapy; and orientation, mobility and vision therapy. Therapy services are available to individuals age 21 and older and must be delivered in a home and community-based setting (not a clinic or rehabilitative facility setting).	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	15 Minutes
Other Service	Transportation Public	Public transportation costs to enable individuals to access services and resources specified in the individual's support plan.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Other Service	Transportation Mile	Transportation by providers, family members, surrogates who are the employer or managing employer, or other qualified licensed drivers for using vehicles to transport the individual to and from services specified in the individual's support plan. Mileage will be paid per trip. A trip is defined as from the point of pick-up to the destination while the individual is in the car.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Per Mile
Other Service	Transportation Trip	This service is transportation provided to individuals, with costs determined on a per- trip basis. Trip distances are defined by ODP through the use of zones.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Per Trip

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Other Service	Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations	Modifications to the vehicle that the individual uses as his or her primary means of transportation to meet his or her needs. The modifications must be necessary due to the individual's disability. There is a limit of \$20,000 over a 10-year period.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Outcome Based
Administrative Service	Vendor Fiscal/ Employer Agent Financial Management Services	An administrative service that assists individuals and/or their surrogates in the direct employment and management of qualified Support Service Professionals and management of vendors.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Per Month
Administrative Service	Agency with Choice Financial Management Services	An administrative service that assists individuals and/or their surrogates in the employment and management of qualified Support Service Professionals and management of vendors.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living Base	Per Month
Administrative Service	OHCDs, Transportation Services	This is an administrative service to pay the administration fee that is charged when the OHCDs provides an administrative service directly related to the delivery of a Transportation vendor service (one time vendor) for an individual who is not self- directing their services.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living	Outcome Based
Administrative Service	One-Time Vendor Payment for Respite Camp	This is an administrative service to pay the administration fee that is charged when the OHCDs provides an administrative service directly related to the delivery of a Respite Camp vendor service (one time vendor) for an individual who is not self-directing their services.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living	Outcome Based
Administrative Service	OHCDs, Other Vendor Services	This is an administrative service to pay the administration fee that is charged when the OHCDs provides an administrative service directly related to the delivery of a vendor service (one time vendor) other than Transportation or Respite Camp for an individual who is not self-directing their services.	Consolidated P/FDS Comm. Living	Outcome Based
Respite	Respite Care, 24 Hours	This service is provided to supervise and support individuals on a short-term basis due to the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing care.	Base	Day
Residential	Support Medical Environment	This service may be used to provide support in general hospital or nursing home settings where there is a documented need and the County Program Administrator or Director approves the support in a medical facility.	Base	15 Minutes

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Residential	Child Residential Services	Child residential services that are not eligible for Consolidated Waiver funding due to the size of the home (home serves 9 or more individuals).	Base	Day
Residential	Community Residential Rehabilitation Services	Community residential rehabilitation services that are not eligible for Consolidated Waiver funding due to the size of the home (home serves 9 or more individuals).	Base	Day
Residential	Community Home Services	Community residential services that are not eligible for Consolidated Waiver funding due to the size of the home (home serves 9 or more individuals).	Base	Day
Family Aide	Family Aide Services	This service is provided to supervise or support individuals on a short-term basis due to the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing care.	Base	15 Minutes
Special Diet	Special Diet Preparation	This service provides individuals with assistance in the planning or preparation of meals when needed due to a significant modification to a routine diet.	Base	Outcome Based
Recreation	Recreation/ Leisure Time Activities	This service is provided to enable individuals to participate in regular community activities that are recreational or leisure in nature.	Base	Outcome Based
Home Modifications	Home Rehabilitation	This service provides for minor renovations to an individual's or family's home to enable the continued care and support of the individual in the home.	Base	Outcome Based
FSS	FSS/Individual Payment	This is an indirect service to allow cash and/or voucher payments to individuals and families for FSS.	Base	Dollar
Not Specified	Base Service Not Otherwise Specified	This service is provided through base funds and is designed to meet the unique needs of the individual receiving services and their family.	Base	Outcome Based