



OPWDD Waiver Services

Residential Habilitation

Individually tailored supports that assist with the acquisition, retention or improvement in skills related to living in the community. These supports include adaptive skill development, assistance with activities of daily living (hands-on), community inclusion and relationship building, training and support for independence in travel, transportation, adult educational supports, social skills, leisure skills, self-advocacy and informed choice skills, and appropriate behavior development that assists the participant to reside in the most integrated setting appropriate to his/her needs. Residential Habilitation services are limited to individuals who reside in OPWDD certified residential settings.

Community Habilitation

Services occurring largely in community (non-certified) settings to facilitate and promote independence and community integration. Community habilitation is defined as a face-to-face service and offers skills training and supports. Only those services not reimbursable under State Medicaid plan will be reimbursable under the waiver authority.

Day Habilitation

Assistance with acquisition, retention or improvement in self-help, socialization and adaptive skills including communication, travel and adult education that regularly takes place in a non-residential setting, separate from the person's private residence or other residential arrangement. Activities and environments are designed to foster the acquisition of skills, appropriate behavior, greater independence, community inclusion, relationship building, self-advocacy and informed choice. Day habilitation services may also be used to provide supportive retirement activities, including: altering schedules to allow for more rest time throughout the day, support to participate in hobbies, clubs and/or other senior related activities in their communities.

Pathway to Employment

A person-centered, comprehensive career planning and support service that provides assistance for individuals to obtain, maintain or advance in competitive employment or self-employment. It is a focused, time limited service that engages a individual in identifying a career direction, provides instruction and training in pre-employment skills, and develops a plan for achieving competitive, integrated employment at or above the state minimum wage. Within 12 months or sooner, the outcome of this service is documentation of the individual's stated career objective; a detailed career plan used to guide individual employment supports; and preparation for supported employment services that assist an individual in obtaining, maintaining or advancing in competitive employment or self-employment.

Prevocational Services (site-based and community)

Services that provide learning and work experiences, including volunteering, where participants can develop general, non-job-task-specific strengths and skills that contribute to employability in paid employment in integrated community settings. Services are expected to occur over a defined period of time based upon a person centered planning process.

Supported Employment Services (SEMP)

Ongoing supports to participants who need continuous support to obtain and maintain a job in competitive or customized employment, or self-employment, in an integrated work setting in the general workforce for which an individual is compensated at or above the state minimum wage. The outcome of this service is paid employment at or above the state minimum wage in an integrated setting in the general workforce, in a job that meets personal and career goals; as such, career planning is also an allowable service activity.

Respite

Services provided to participants unable to care for themselves that are furnished on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons who normally provide care for the participant. Respite care is not furnished or provided for the purpose of compensating relief or substitute staff in certified community residences.

Assistive Technology / Adaptive Devices

An item, piece of equipment or product system; whether acquired commercially, modified or customized; that is used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of participants. These services directly assist a participant in the selection, acquisition or use of an assistive technology device, The devices and services must be documented in the individual's Life Plan as being essential to their habilitation, ability to function or safety, and essential to avoid or delay institutionalization. Only those services not reimbursable under a Medicaid State Plan option will be reimbursable under the waiver authority.