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Subject: Medicaid Services Manual Changes  
Chapter 2100 – Home and Community Based Services Waiver for  
Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

**Background And Explanation**

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2100 – Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID Waiver) are being proposed to add new waiver services, Individual Directed Goods and Services and Benefits Counseling, that were approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on January 1, 2025.

Additional proposed changes to this chapter include removal of prior authorization requirements for dental services and specific amount limitations to certain waiver services and updated language from “Person Centered Plan (PCP)” to “Person Centered Service Plan (PCSP)” throughout the chapter to align with the HCBS Access Rule.

Throughout this chapter, renumbering and re-arranging of sections were made.

Entities Financially Affected: HCBS Waiver for ID (Provider Type (PT) 38 – all specialties).

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These changes are effective April 1, 2025.

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<b>Manual Section</b>	<b>Section Title</b>	<b>Background and Explanation of Policy Changes, Clarifications and Updates</b>
<b>2103.2</b>	<b>Waiver Services</b>	Added new services: Individual Directed Goods and Services and Benefits Counseling.
<b>2103.2A</b>	<b>Provider Responsibilities</b>	Added “Person-Centered Service Plan” and mentioned as “PCSP” thereafter.
<b>2103.7A</b>	<b>Coverage and Limitations</b>	Removed specific dollar amount in Coverage and Limitations and replaced with “the current limit” to align with the approved waiver.
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<b>2103.12A</b>	<b>Coverage and Limitations</b>	Removed specific dollar amount in Coverage and Limitations to align with the approved waiver.
<b>2103.14</b>	<b>Dental Services</b>	Removed prior authorization language as not required for ID Waiver.
<b>2103.14A(5)</b>	<b>Coverage and Limitations</b>	Added #5 under Coverage and Limitations regarding limits per recipient per rolling year.
<b>2103.15</b>	<b>Individual Directed Goods and Services</b>	Added new section for newly approved waiver service.
<b>2103.15A</b>	<b>Coverage and Limitations</b>	Added section to align with other sections in this chapter.
<b>2103.15B</b>	<b>Provider Responsibilities</b>	Added section to align with other sections in this chapter.
<b>2103.15C</b>	<b>Recipient Rights and Responsibilities</b>	Added section to align with other sections in this chapter.
<b>2103.16</b>	<b>Benefits Counseling</b>	Added new section for newly approved waiver service.
<b>2103.16A</b>	<b>Coverage and Limitations</b>	Added section to align with other sections in this chapter.

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<b>2103.17</b>	<b>Intake Procedures</b>	Renumbered.
<b>2103.18</b>	<b>Permanent Case File</b>	Renumbered.
<b>2103.19</b>	<b>Service Coordinator Recipient Contacts</b>	Renumbered.
<b>2103.20</b>	<b>Billing Procedures</b>	Renumbered.
<b>2103.21</b>	<b>DHCFP Annual Review</b>	Renumbered.
<b>2103.22</b>	<b>Medicaid Provider Enrollment Process</b>	Renumbered.

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## 2100 INTRODUCTION

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) and the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) recognizes that many individuals at risk of being placed in Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) can be cared for in their homes and communities, preserving their independence and ties to family and friends at a cost no higher than that of institutional care.

The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Program for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID Waiver) is an optional service approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which authorizes DHCFP the flexibility to design this waiver and select the mix of waiver services that best meet the goals of the program. This waiver allows the provision of services based on the identified needs and is designed to provide eligible Medicaid waiver recipients access to both state plan as well as certain extended Medicaid covered services.

Nevada acknowledges that people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities are able to lead satisfying and productive lives when they are provided the needed services and supports to do so. DHCFP is committed to the goal of providing individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with the opportunity to remain in a community setting in lieu of institutionalization.

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## 2101 AUTHORITY

Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act (SSA) permits states the option to waive certain Medicaid statutory requirements in order to offer an array of HCBS to eligible individuals who may require such services in order to remain in their communities and avoid institutionalization. DHCFP's HCBS for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is approved by the CMS. This waiver is designed to provide eligible Medicaid waiver recipients access to both 1905(a) State Plan services as well as certain extended Medicaid covered services unique to this waiver. The goal is to allow recipients to live in their own homes or community settings.

### Statutes and Regulations:

- SSA: 1915 (c)
- Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 441, Subpart I (Community Supported Living Arrangements Services)
- Title 42 CFR Section 483.430(a) (Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP))
- Title 42 CFR Section 441.301(c)(1) - (c)(5) (Federal Person-Centered Planning and Settings Requirements)
- Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 435 (Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities)
- NRS 449A.114 (Care of Patients)
- Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 435 (Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities)
- NAC Chapter 632 (Nursing)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Medicaid Service Manual (MSM) Chapter 100
- NRS Chapter 631 (Dentistry and Hygiene)
- State Plan Amendment (SPA) Attachment 3.1-A Page 5c 12b
- SPA Attachment 4.19-B Page 2c
- Section 3715 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

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2103 POLICY

2103.1 WAIVER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The HCBS ID Waiver waives certain statutory requirements and offers waiver services to eligible recipients to assist them to remain in the community. The target population for this waiver includes all individuals who are diagnosed with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities and who have been found eligible and have an open case with an ADSD Regional Center. Individuals are eligible if they meet Medicaid's eligibility requirements and are either in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) or are at risk for ICF/IID placement without the provision of HCBS and supports.

Eligibility for the ID Waiver is determined by the combined efforts of ADSD, DHCFP and the Division of Welfare and Social Services (DWSS). Two separate determinations must be made to be eligible for and receive services under the ID Waiver:

- A. Service eligibility for the ID Waiver is determined by an ADSD's Regional Center.
  1. An ADSD Regional Center Intake Team, based on assessments and/or supporting documentation, establishes the existence of an intellectual disability or developmental disability.
  2. Each applicant/recipient must meet and maintain Level of Care (LOC) for admission into an ICF/IID. Specifically, the individual would require imminent placement in an ICF/IID facility (within 30 to 60 days) if HCBS Waiver services or other supports were not available.
  3. Each applicant/recipient must demonstrate a continued need for a waiver service(s) to prevent placement in an ICF/IID. Sole utilization of Medicaid State Plan Services does not support the qualifications to be covered by the waiver.
  4. The applicant/recipient must have a support system in place to ensure the physical, environmental, and basic care needs of the applicant/recipient are met in order to provide a safe environment during the hours when services are not being provided. HCBS Waiver services are not a substitute for available natural and informal supports provided by family, friends or other available community resources.
- B. The financial eligibility determination for Medicaid benefits is made by DWSS. Waiver applicants/recipients must meet and maintain Medicaid eligibility coverage for all months in which waiver services are provided.
- C. Services from the ID Waiver cannot be provided until and unless the applicant is found eligible in both determination areas.

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#### 2103.1A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Waiver recipients must meet and maintain Medicaid's eligibility coverage through DWSS for all months waiver services are being provided.
2. The ID Waiver is limited by legislative mandate and available matching state funding to a specific number of recipients who can be served throughout the biennium. A waitlist is utilized to prioritize applicants who have been presumed to be eligible for the waiver as defined below.
3. Waitlist Priority
  - a. Individuals residing in an ICF/IID or other institutional settings.
  - b. Individuals who are at risk of institutionalization due to loss of their current support system or crisis situation.
  - c. Individuals, deemed appropriate for waiver services, who do not fall under priority one or two, based on the date of request for a waiver service.
4. DHCFP must assure the CMS that Medicaid's total expenditures for waiver and Medicaid State Plan services will not, in any waiver year, exceed 100% of the amount that would be incurred by Medicaid for these individuals in an institutional setting in the absence of the waiver. DHCFP must also document that there are safeguards in place to protect the health and welfare of recipients.
5. Waiver services must not be billed when an individual is admitted to an institutional setting, such as a hospital, ICF/IID or nursing facility (NF) for the duration of the stay. Residential settings that bill per diem may bill the per diem rate for admit and discharge days only when services were provided and documented for some part of the days in question. Residential settings that bill by the unit or hour may bill for services provided and documented on admit and discharge days.

Section 3715 of the CARES Act may be utilized where HCBS can be provided in an acute care hospital setting if those services are:

- a. Identified in an individual's person-centered support plan (or comparable Plan of Care (POC));
- b. Provided to meet needs of the individual that are not met through the provision of hospital services;

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- c. Not a substitute for services that the hospital is obligated to provide through its conditions of participation or under Federal or State law, or under another applicable requirement; and
  - d. Designed to ensure smooth transitions between acute care settings and home and community-based settings, and to preserve the individual's functional abilities.
- 6. If an applicant/recipient is determined eligible for more than one HCBS Waiver, the individual cannot receive services under two or more such 1915(c) waivers at the same time. The applicant/recipient must choose one HCBS Waiver and receive services provided by that waiver.
- 7. Recipients of the ID Waiver who are enrolled or elect to enroll in a hospice program may be eligible to remain on the waiver if they require waiver services to remain in the community. Collaborative case coordination between the hospice agency and the waiver Service Coordinator is required to prevent any duplication of services. Refer to MSM Chapter 3200 for additional information on hospice services.
- 8. An able and/or capable parent, spouse or Legally Responsible Individual (LRI) of a recipient has a duty/obligation to provide the necessary maintenance, education, supervision and support. Necessary maintenance includes but is not limited to, the provision of Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and Instrumental ADLs (IADLs). Payment will not be made for the routine care, supervision or services normally provided for the recipient without charge as a matter of course in the usual relationship among members of the nuclear family. Waiver services are not a substitute for available natural and informal supports provided by family, friends or other available community resources; however, they are available to supplement those support systems, so the recipient is able to remain in their home.

Allowance may be given in individual circumstances when:

- a. There is no LRI residing in the recipient's home; or
- b. There is no other LRI residing in the home and an able and/or capable spouse/parent's employment requirements result in prolonged or unexpected absences from the home; or
- c. When such employment requirements require the able and/or capable spouse/parent or LRI to work uninterrupted at home in order to meet the requirement of his or her employer; or

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- d. When employment requirements include unconventional work weeks or work hours; or
- e. The recipient's support team has documented a need for ADL or IADL habilitative services to be provided by direct support staff.

The LRI may be asked to provide verification from a physician, place of employment, or school that they are not capable, due to illness or injury, or unavailable, due to hours of employment and school attendance, to provide services. Additional verification may be required on a case-by-case basis.

- 9. LRIs may not be reimbursed for HCBS Waiver services.
- 10. Legal guardians of individuals age 18 and over are considered LRIs.
- 11. The children made eligible for Medicaid through their enrollment in the Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities receive all the medically necessary Medicaid coverable services available under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT). A child's enrollment in the waiver will not be used to deny, delay, or limit access to medically necessary services that are required to be available to Medicaid-eligible children under federal EPSDT rules. The waiver service package is a supplement to EPSDT services.

#### 2103.1B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Providers are responsible for confirming the recipient's Medicaid eligibility each month prior to rendering waiver services.

#### 2103.1C RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Applicants or recipients must meet and maintain all criteria to be eligible, and to remain on the ID Waiver.

#### 2103.2 WAIVER SERVICES

ADSD, the operating agency for the ID waiver, in conjunction with DHCFP, the administering agency determines which services will be offered under the ID Waiver.

Under this waiver, the following services are available:

- A. Day Habilitation.
- B. Residential Support Services.

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- C. Prevocational Services
- D. Supported Employment.
- E. Behavioral Consultation, Training and Intervention
- F. Counseling Services
- G. Residential Support Management
- H. Non-Medical Transportation
- I. Nursing Services
- J. Nutrition Counseling Services
- K. Career Planning
- L. Dental Services
- M. Individual Directed Goods and Services
- N. Benefits Counseling

#### 2103.2A PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

For Provider Type (PT) 22, refer to Section 2103.14B for details, and the Provider Enrollment Checklist at <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/checklist.aspx>.

For PT 38:

1. Provider Requirements:
  - a. Must obtain approval or certification, as applicable, from ADSD/Developmental Services (DS) pursuant to NRS 435, NAC 435 and ADSD Policy and Procedures.
  - b. Must obtain a Master Service Agreement through Department of Administration Purchasing Division and a Provider Service Agreement through ADSD.
  - c. Must enroll as a PT 38 with Fee-for-Service Nevada Medicaid, meet and maintain all the requirements to be enrolled as a Medicaid provider pursuant to MSM Chapters 100 and 2100.
  - d. May not bill for services provided by an LRI.

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- e. May only provide and bill for services that have been authorized in the **Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP)**. Prior authorization for waiver services is made through the recipient's PCSP and Service Authorization.
- f. Must verify the Medicaid eligibility status of each HCBS Waiver recipient each month.
- g. Upon renewal of professional licenses/certifications, providers must submit copies of renewals to ADSD as applicable.
- h. Each provider must cooperate with ADSD, DHCFP and/or State or Federal reviews or inspections.
- i. Must have the ability to communicate with the recipient, understand the recipient and implement the recipient's PCSP.

2. Criminal Background Checks:

A criminal background check is required for all owners, administrators, subcontractors, volunteers and employees who have contact with recipients or access to their financial or personal information.

Refer to MSM Chapter 100 for provider requirements.

All background check information must be maintained on file and available for review, including the initial check and a recheck for each five-year period. Refer to NRS 435.220, 435.333, 435.537 and 435.893, NAC 435.515, 435.518, 435.520, 435.537, 435.845, 435.855, 435.860 and 435.893.

3. Required Training for Providers:

- a. Employees must have cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid training within 30 days of hire and prior to working alone with recipients, if providing direct service. Documentation of training must be kept on file and available for review.
- b. Must complete required training and new employee orientation, per ADSD policy, within six months of beginning employment. Documentation of training to be kept on file and available for review.
- c. All providers are required to provide annual training to employees on recipient rights; confidentiality; abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation and abandonment including definitions, signs, symptoms, and prevention; as well as incident and serious occurrence reporting requirements. Providers will also complete established

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training requirements as directed by ADSD. Documentation of training must be kept on file and available for review.

- d. Supported Living provider employees who administer medication must maintain current certification for Medication Administration pursuant to NAC 435.675. Documentation of training must be kept on file and available for review.
- e. Any employee who is likely to utilize restraint procedures in accordance with NRS 433 must maintain current certification in a Crisis Prevention/Intervention training program approved by ADSD. Approved training programs require national recognition and evidence of annual review and update of curriculum based on the best legal, behavioral and ethical practices of standards of care. Documentation of training must be kept on file and available for review.

4. Exemptions from Training:

- a. ADSD may exempt a prospective service provider from those parts of the required training where the agency judges the person to possess adequate knowledge or experience, or where the provider's duties will not require the particular skills.
- b. The exemption and its rationale must be provided in writing and a copy of the exemption must be placed in the recipient's case record. Where the recipient or other private third-party functions as the employer, such individuals may exercise the exemption authority identified above.

5. Documentation:

Providers must maintain relevant documentation of services provided on one or more documents, including documents that may be created or maintained in electronic format. This documentation must be kept in a manner as to fully disclose the nature and extent of services delivered and must be readily available for review.

The documentation must include:

- a. Type of service.
- b. Date of service.
- c. Name of recipient receiving service.
- d. Recipient record number.
- e. Name of provider.

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- f. Full written or electronic signature or initials of the person delivering the service if a signature and corresponding initials are on file with the provider. For electronic signatures, systems and software products must include protections against modification, with administrative safeguards that correspond to policies and procedures of the operating agency. The individual whose name is on the alternate signature method and the provider bear the responsibility for the authenticity of the information being attested to. For example, an attendance record must have daily initials and documentation of time in and time out.
- g. Number of units of the delivered service during which time the service was provided.
- h. Signatures or initials of the recipient must be included on the Jobs and Day Training (JDT) and Residential Support Services logs. If the recipient is unable to provide initials due to a cognitive and/or physical limitation, this will be clearly documented in the PCSP.
- i. Recipient's living in 24 hour Residential Support settings must have individualized service logs, even if they have shared support hours with roommates living in the home.
- j. Providers are required to have copies of side effect information sheets for all medications taken by the recipient on-hand and available for staff.

6. Incidents and Serious Occurrences:

Each Provider must report any recipient incidents to ADSD. Serious occurrences are to be reported to ADSD within 24 hours. All other reportable incidents are to be reported to ADSD within two business days. All Serious Occurrence Reports (SOR) must be maintained on file by the provider. ADSD will submit quarterly data to DHCFF for SORs.

Serious occurrences involving either the provider/employee or recipient may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Unplanned hospitalization or emergency room (ER) visit;
- b. Injury or fall requiring medical intervention;
- c. Physical, verbal, emotional, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment;
- d. Assault, violence, or threat;
- e. Suicide threat or attempt;

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- f. Criminal activity or legal involvement;
- g. Theft or exploitation;
- h. Medication error per ADSD policy;
- i. Loss of contact with the recipient;
- j. Elopement of a recipient residing in a 24-hour setting;
- k. Death of the recipient;
- l. HIPAA violation;
- m. Major property damage;
- n. Auto accident (involving the recipient);
- o. Staff injury/illness/accident requiring medical attention;
- p. Environmental incident requiring emergency assistance; and
- q. Death of unpaid caregiver.

7. Notification of Suspected Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, Isolation, or Abandonment:

State law requires that individuals employed in certain capacities must make a report to the appropriate law enforcement or applicable reporting agency immediately, but in no event later than 24 hours after there is reason to suspect the abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation, or abandonment of a minor child, vulnerable adult, or older individual. DHCFP requires that all providers be in compliance with the intent of all applicable laws.

For recipients under the age of 18, the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) or the appropriate county agency accepts reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. For vulnerable adults' age 18 and over, or any adult 60 or over, Adult Protective Services within ADSD accepts reports of suspected abuse, neglect or self-neglect, exploitation or isolation.

- a. Child Abuse - Refer to NRS 432B regarding child abuse or neglect.
- b. Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult or Older Person- Refer to NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995 regarding elder abuse, exploitation, isolation neglect or abandonment.

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c. Vulnerable adult (NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995) is defined as “a person 18 years of age or older who:”

1. Suffers from a condition of physical or mental incapacitation because of a developmental disability, organic brain damage or mental illness; or
2. Has one or more physical or mental limitations that restrict the ability of the person to perform the normal ADLs.

8. Complaint Procedure:

The Provider must respond to all complaints in a reasonable and prompt manner. The Provider must maintain records that identify the complaint, the date received and the response, outcome, and resolution of the incident.

The Provider must investigate and respond in writing to all written complaints within ten calendar days of receipt.

The Provider will provide the recipient written notification of the complaint and its outcome. As appropriate, written notification must also be provided to the Regional Center Service Coordinator.

9. HIPAA, Privacy, and Confidentiality:

Refer to MSM Chapter 100 for information on HIPAA, privacy, and confidentiality of recipient records and other Protected Health Information (PHI).

10. ADSD:

An Interlocal Agreement between ADSD and DHCFP is maintained to outline responsibilities of both agencies in the operation and administration of HCBS for the ID Waiver.

11. Provider Agencies:

All employees must have a file which includes reference checks, CPR/First Aid certification and documentation of new employee orientation and ongoing training. All background check information must be maintained in a separate individual employee file.

2103.2B RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Recipients are entitled to their privacy; to be treated with respect; and be free from coercion and restraint. Recipients are informed of their rights prior to initiation of services and annually thereafter.

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Additionally, applicants or recipients must meet and maintain all criteria to be eligible and to remain on the ID Waiver.

The recipient or the recipient's designated representative/LRI will:

1. Notify the provider(s) and Service Coordinator of a change in Medicaid eligibility.
2. Notify the provider(s) and Service Coordinator of current insurance information, including the name of other insurance coverage, such as Medicare.
3. Notify the provider(s) and Service Coordinator of changes in medical status, service needs, address, and location, or changes of designated representative/LRI.
4. Treat all staff and providers appropriately with respect and in a safe manner.
5. Initial and/or sign the provider service documentation logs as applicable, verifying services were rendered unless otherwise unable to perform this task due to intellectual and/or physical limitations.
6. Notify the provider when scheduled visits cannot be kept.
7. Notify the provider and Service Coordinator of missed visits by provider staff.
8. Notify ADSD and the provider if services are no longer requested or required.
9. Notify the provider and ADSD Service Coordinator of unusual occurrences, complaints regarding delivery of services or specific staff, or to request a change in caregiver.
10. If applicable, furnish the provider with a copy of their Advance Directives (AD).
11. Not request a provider to work more than the hours authorized in the PCSP.
12. Not request a provider to provide service for a non-recipient, family, or household members.
13. Not request a provider to perform services not included in the PCSP.
14. Contact the Service Coordinator to request a change of provider.
15. Sign all required forms unless otherwise unable to perform this task due to intellectual and/or physical limitations.
16. Cooperate with all ADSD meetings and contacts such as phone/face-to-face as per the PCSP.

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### 2103.3 DAY HABILITATION

Day Habilitation Services are regularly scheduled activities in a non-residential setting, separate from the recipient's private residence or other residential living arrangement. Services include assistance with the acquisition, retention, or improvement in self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills that include performing ADL's and community living.

Activities and environments are designed to foster the acquisition of skill, building positive social behavior and interpersonal competence, greater independence, and personal choice. Services will include opportunities for volunteer work in community settings and opportunities for community integration through participation in social, recreational, and cultural activities. Services furnished are identified in the recipient's PCSP.

Day Habilitation services focus on enabling the recipient to attain or maintain his or her maximum potential and shall be coordinated with any needed therapies in the recipient's person-centered services and support plans, such as physical, occupational, or speech therapy.

Day Habilitation services may also be used to provide supported retirement activities. This may involve alternating schedules to allow for more time throughout the day or supports to participate in hobbies, clubs, and/or activities in the community.

#### 2103.3A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Recipients who receive Day Habilitation services and supports may have two or more types of non-residential services. However, different types of non-residential habilitation services may not be billed during the same time period of the day.
2. Day Habilitation may not provide for the payment of services that are vocational in nature (i.e. for the primary purpose of producing goods or performing services).
3. Documentation is maintained in the file of each recipient receiving Day Habilitation that the service is not available under a program funded by Section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) (20 United States Code (USC) 1401 et seq.).

#### 2103.3B DAY HABILITATION PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2A.

#### 2103.3C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

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#### 2103.4 RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Residential Support Services are designed to ensure the health and welfare of the recipient, as well as the welfare of the community at large, through protective oversight and supervision activities in addition to support to assist in the acquisition, improvement, retention, and maintenance of the skills necessary for recipients to reside in their community successfully, safely, and responsibly.

Residential Support Services are provided throughout the course of normal ADLs, as well as in specialized training opportunities outlined in the recipient's PCSP. These services are individually planned and coordinated, assuring the non-duplication of services with other Medicaid State Plan Services. PCSP teams may identify priority areas to address through habilitation plans, however that does not limit additional supports that a person may need to live in the community. These additional supports do not require habilitation plans.

Residential Support Services staff are trained and responsible for implementing the Individual Habilitation Plans, goals and objectives, and other service supports related to residential and community living. These supports include but are not limited to:

- A. The facilitation of personal care;
- B. ADLs and IADLs;
- C. Supports for health and welfare needs;
- D. Effective communication skills;
- E. Community inclusion;
- F. The development of natural support networks;
- G. Mobility training;
- H. Survival and safety skills;
- I. Support and teaching of interpersonal and relationship skills;
- J. Making choices and problem-solving skills;
- K. Community living skills;
- L. Social and leisure skills;
- M. Money management skills and;

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N. Support and skill training related to health care needs, to include medication management.

Residential Support Services emphasize positive behavioral strategies, including interventions and supervision designed to maximize community inclusion while safeguarding the recipient and general public. The Service Coordinator will ensure the recipient has freedom in their residential setting. Services also support exercising recipient's rights and protect against rights violations and infringements without due process.

Intermittent Supported Living Services are services provided by an individual or organizational provider to recipients residing in their own homes who do not require one-on-one supervision and/or 24-hour care.

A Shared Living Arrangement is an arrangement in which an individual with a disability, and a person, couple or family choose to live together in an integrated community neighborhood which provides Residential Support Services through an intermittent Supported Living Arrangement (SLA).

Twenty-four hour Supported Living Services are Residential Support Services provided up to 24 hours per day by an organizational provider. These services are delivered within homes in integrated neighborhood settings.

Residential Support Services cannot duplicate the scope and nature of Medicaid State Plan Personal Care Services (PCS). Services must be coordinated to ensure there is no duplication. Waiver services must be authorized in the recipient's PCSP.

The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability specific settings, and an option for a private unit in a residential setting. The setting options are identified and documented in the PCSP and are based on the individual's needs and preferences, including choice of roommates as applicable.

#### 2103.4A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Residential Support Services staff receives training and are responsible for implementing PCSPs, goals, objectives, and service supports related to residential living and community life.

These services include but are not limited to:

- a. The participation in the development of the PCSP.
- b. Adaptive skill development.
- c. Facilitation of personal care and ADLs.

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- d. Facilitation of community inclusion.
  - e. Facilitation of IADLs to include teaching community life skills; interpersonal and relationship skills; building of natural support networks; choice making skills; social and leisure skills; budgeting and money management skills.
  - f. Providing assistance with medication administration by a staff certified in an ADSD approved Medication Program. Verification of certification must be maintained in the employee files.
  - g. Providing assistance with support and skill training in health care needs.
  - h. Facilitation of mobility training, survival and safety skills.
2. Residential Support Services may be provided on a continuum of service delivery model ranging from intermittent up to 24-hour SLA, as determined by the PCSP team. Residential Support Services are provided in either the service recipient's natural family home or in a non-provider owned home or apartment; owned or leased in the service recipient's name or on behalf of the service recipient, with the exception of approved Shared Living services and provider owned homes that have been approved by the Regional Center. The provider is required to have a lease with each service recipient living in a provider owned home. Residential Support Services are provided in integrated settings within community residential neighborhoods. In 24-hour SLA, protective oversight hours must be shared with other recipients in the home unless clear documentation exists that shows a need for one-on-one supervision due to health and safety needs of the recipient which are supported in the PCSP and approved by the Regional Center Program Manager.
  3. Under this service category, the responsibility for the living environment rests with the service agency and encompasses a variety of SLAs:
    - a. Residential Support Services in a 24-hour setting are limited to four recipients unless otherwise authorized by the Regional Center Program Manager.
    - b. SLAs are limited to two service recipients residing in one home, unless otherwise authorized by the Regional Center Program Manager.
  4. Individual SLA homes do not require state licensure; however, individual providers and provider agencies must be certified by ADSD in order to render services to ID Waiver recipients.

#### 2103.4B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to MSM 2103.2A, in addition to the provider responsibilities listed:

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1. Providers must ensure the recipient has the freedom to furnish and decorate their sleeping or living units. The provider may make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services if those accommodations are necessary to ensure that the person with the disability may use and enjoy the dwelling. If accommodations cannot be met due to behavioral reason, medical condition, etc., it must be documented and justified in the PCSP.
2. The recipient's lease or other agreement must not differ from those individuals who do not receive Medicaid HCBS and must include:
  - a. At least a 30-calendar day notification to the recipient before transferring or discharging them with the exception of a voluntary transfer or discharge, or the requirement to transfer or discharge the recipient to another facility because the condition of the recipient necessitates a higher LOC;
  - b. Provide the recipient and Service Coordinator with written notice of the intent to transfer or discharge the recipient; and
  - c. Allow the recipient and any other person authorized by the recipient the opportunity to meet in person with the administrator of the facility to discuss the proposed transfer or discharge within 10 calendar days after providing written notice.
3. The provider will ensure the setting is physically accessible to the recipient. The provider will ensure the units have entrance doors lockable by the individual, with only appropriate staff having keys to doors. The provider will ensure each recipient has privacy in their sleeping or living unit.
4. The provider will ensure recipients have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities and have access to food at any time.
5. The provider will ensure that recipients are able to have visitors and associate with people of their choosing at any time.
6. For settings where landlord/tenant laws do not apply, the provider must ensure that a written residential agreement is in place for the HCBS Waiver recipient and that it provides comparable protections as those under the jurisdiction's landlord/tenant law.
7. Exceptions to any of the above requirements must be supported by assessed need and clearly justified and documented in the PCSP.

#### 2103.4C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to MSM 2103.2B.

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## 2103.5 PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES

Prevocational Services should enable recipients to attain the highest level of vocation in the most integrated setting and by matching the recipient's interests, strengths, priorities, abilities, and capabilities to the job, while following applicable Federal wage guidelines. The services are intended to develop and teach general skills. Examples include but are not limited to ability to communicate with supervisors, co-workers and customers in the workplace setting; generally accepted workplace conduct and dress; an ability to follow directions; an ability to complete tasks; workplace problem solving skills and strategies; and workplace safety and mobility training.

Prevocational Services provides for learning and work experience, which may include volunteer work, where a recipient can develop general, non-job or task-specific strengths and skills that contribute to employability in paid employment within integrated community settings. Services are expected to occur over a defined period of time and with specific outcomes to be achieved, as identified in the recipient PCSP. The services are designed to create a path to integrated, community-based employment for which a recipient is compensated at or above the minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals without disabilities.

Recipients receiving Prevocational Services must have employment-related goals in their PCSP; the general habilitative activities must be designed to support such employment goals. Competitive, integrated employment in the community for which a recipient is compensated at or above the minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals without disabilities, considered to be the optimal outcome for Prevocational Services.

### 2103.5A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

The Prevocational Services provided under this waiver are not available under a program funded under Section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or Section 602 (16 and 17) of the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401 (16 and 17)). Documentation will be maintained in the file of each recipient receiving Prevocational Services that the service is not otherwise available under a program funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or P.L. 94-142.

1. Recipients who receive Prevocational Services may include two or more types of non-residential support services; however, different types of non-residential support services may not be billed during the same time period of the day.

### 2103.5B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2A.

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## 2103.5C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

## 2103.6 SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Supported Employment Services are individualized and may include any combination of the following services: Vocational job related discovery or assessment, person-centered employment planning, job placement, job development, negotiation with prospective employers, job analysis, job carving, training and systematic instruction, job coaching, benefit supports, training and planning, transportation training, asset development and career advancement services, and other workplace support services including services not specifically related to job skill training that enable the recipient to be successful in integrating into the job setting.

The setting is integrated in and supports full access of individuals receiving services to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, and engage in community life. The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability specific settings. The service optimizes but does not regiment individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices including but not limited to, daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact. Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities and have access to food at any time within the parameters of their employment. Individuals are able to have visitors and associate with people of their choosing as applicable to their employment policy. The setting is physically accessible to the individual.

There are two sub-categories of Supported Employment – Individual Supported Employment and Small Group Supported Employment.

### 1. Individual Supported Employment

Individual Supported Employment is for recipients who need intensive ongoing supports to obtain and maintain a job that meets their personal and career goals in competitive, customized employment, or self-employment, in an integrated work setting within the general workforce for which an individual is compensated at or above the minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals without disabilities. Individual Supported Employment services do not include payment for supervision, training, support, or adaptations typically available to other workers without disabilities in similar positions in the business. Individual Supported Employment services also do not include supports needed for unpaid volunteer opportunities.

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One approach to individual supported employment is Customized Employment. Customized Employment means individualizing the employment relationship between employees and employers in ways that meet the needs of both. It is based on an individualized determination of the strengths, needs and interest of the recipient, and is also designed to meet the specific needs of the employer. Customized Employment assumes the provision of reasonable accommodations and support necessary to perform the function of a job that is individually negotiated and developed.

#### B. Small Group Supported Employment

Small Group Employment Supports are services and training activities provided in regular business, industry, and community settings of two to eight workers with disabilities. Examples include mobile crews which employ small groups of recipients in integrated employment in the community with the goals of sustained paid employment and work experience leading to further career development and individual integrated community-based employment for which the recipient is compensated at or above the minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals without disabilities. Small Group Supported employment services do not include payment for supervision, training, support, or adaptations typically available to other workers without disabilities in similar positions in the business. Small Group Employment services also do not include supports needed for unpaid volunteer opportunities.

The desired outcome of Supported Employment services is sustained paid employment and work experience leading to further career development and individual integrated community-based employment for which the recipient is compensated at or above the minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level benefits paid by the employer of the same or similar work performed by individuals without disabilities.

#### 2103.6A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. When Supported Employment services are provided at a work site in which individuals without disabilities are employed, payment will be made only for the adaptations, supervision, and training required by recipients as a result of their disabilities and will not include payment for the supervisory activities rendered as a normal part of the business setting.
2. Supported Employment furnished under the ID Waiver may not include services available under a program funded under Section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or section 602 (16 and 17), of the IDEA (20 U.S.C 1401 (16 and 17)).
3. Supported Employment services do not include supports needed for unpaid volunteers.

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4. Federal Financial Participation (FFP) will not be claimed for incentive payments, subsidies, or unrelated vocational training expenses such as the following:
  - a. Incentive payments made to an employer to encourage or subsidize the employer's participation in a Supported Employment services;
  - b. Payments that are passed through to users of Supported Employment services; or
  - c. Payments for vocational training that are not directly related to a recipient's Supported Employment services.
5. Supported Employment services do not include facility-based work settings, or other similar types of vocational services furnished in specialized facilities that are not a part of the general workforce.
6. Recipients who receive Supported Employment services may receive two or more types of non-residential support services; however, different types of non-residential support services may not be billed during the same period of the day.

#### 2103.6B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2A.

#### 2103.6C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

#### 2103.7 BEHAVIORAL CONSULTATION, TRAINING AND INTERVENTION

Behavioral Consultation, Training and Intervention Services provide behaviorally based assessment and intervention for recipients, as well as support, training, and consultation to family members, caregivers, paid residential support staff, or jobs and day training staff. This service also includes participation in the development and implementation of the PCSP and/or Positive Behavior Support Plans, necessary to improve a recipient's independence and inclusion in their community, increase positive alternative behaviors, and/or address challenging behavior. These services are not covered under the State Plan and are provided by professionals in Psychology, Behavior Analysis and related fields.

#### 2103.7A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Behavioral Consultation, Training and Intervention may be provided in the recipient's home, school, workplace, and in the community. The services include:

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- a. Functional behavioral assessment and an assessment of the environmental factors that are precipitating a problem behavior;
- b. Development of Behavior Support Plan in coordination with the team members;
- c. Consultation and/or training on how to implement positive behavior support strategies and/or Behavior Support Plan;
- d. Consultation or training on data collection strategies to monitor progress;
- e. Monitoring of recipient and the provider(s) in the implementation and modification of the support plan, as necessary;
- f. Participation in the PCSP;
- g. Team meeting and medical appointments to provide resources information and recommendations, as necessary; and
- h. Providing a monthly summary of progress.

Behavioral Consultation, Training and Intervention may not exceed the current limit per year per recipient. Written authorization by the Regional Center is required for amounts in excess of the limit.

## 2103.7B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the provider responsibilities listed in MSM Section 2103.2A:

1. Employees of behavioral provider agencies and individual providers have:
  - a. Professional holding bachelor's level licensure and/or certification per NRS 437; or has a bachelor's degree in psychology, special education or closely related field plus at least one year professional clinical experience using behavior intervention and functional assessment procedures as well as developing, implementing and monitoring of behavior support plans in applied setting; or
  - b. Professional holding master's level licensure and/or certification per NRS 437; or has a master's degree in psychology, special education, or closely related field with expertise in functional assessment and the provision of positive behavioral supports.
2. Experience working with individuals with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities is preferred.

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## 2103.7C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

## 2103.8 COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling Services provide assessment/evaluation, consultation, therapeutic interventions, support and guidance for recipients and/or family members, caregivers, and team members, which are not covered by the Medicaid State Plan, and which improve the recipient's personal adaptation and inclusion in the community. This service is available to recipients who have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and provides problem identification and resolution in areas of interpersonal relationships, community participation, independence, and attaining personal outcomes, as identified in the recipient's PCSP.

Counseling Services are specialized and adapted in order to accommodate the unique complexities of enrolled recipients and may include:

- A. Consultation with team members, including family members, support staff, service coordinators, and other professionals comprising the participant's support team;
- B. Individual and group counseling services;
- C. Assessment/evaluation services;
- D. Therapeutic interventions strategies;
- E. Risk assessment;
- F. Skill development;
- G. Psycho educational activities;
- H. Participating in PCSP Team meetings and appointments to provide resource information and recommendations, as necessary; and
- I. Providing a monthly summary of progress.

Counseling services are provided based on the recipient's need to assure his or her health and welfare in the community and enhance success in community living.

## 2103.8A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

Counseling services may not exceed the current limit per year per recipient. Written authorization by the Regional Center is required for amounts in excess of the limit.

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## 2103.8B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the provider responsibilities listed in MSM Section 2103.2A:

1. Providers must have graduated from an accredited college or university with a master's degree in a two year curriculum in counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, social work, or a closely related academic field. A closely related field is licensed by the State of Nevada by appropriate categories; or
2. A graduate level intern who is enrolled in a master's level program at an accredited college or university that provides at least two year curriculum in counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, social work, or a closely related academic field or doctor level program in a clinical field; and are supervised by a licensed clinician or mental health counselor.
3. Professional experience in a setting serving individuals with intellectual disabilities is preferred.

## 2103.8C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

## 2103.9 RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT MANAGEMENT

Residential Support Management is designed to ensure the health and welfare of recipients receiving Residential Support Services from agencies. This service is intended to ensure the supports are planned, scheduled, monitored, and implemented according to the recipient's preferences and needs depending on the frequency and duration of approved services.

## 2103.9A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Residential Support Management staff will assist the recipient in managing their supports within the home and community settings.

This service includes:

- a. Assisting the recipient to develop one's goal(s);
- b. Scheduling and attending interdisciplinary meetings;
- c. Develop habilitation plans specific to Residential Support Services, as determined in the recipient's PCSP and training residential support staff in implementation and

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data collection;

- d. Assisting the recipient to apply for and obtain community resources and benefits such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), housing, etc.;
  - e. Assisting the recipient in locating residences;
  - f. Assisting the recipient in arranging for and effectively managing community resources and informal supports;
  - g. Assisting the recipient to identify and sustain a personal support network of family, friends, and associates;
  - h. Providing problem solving and support with crisis management;
  - i. Supporting the recipient with budgeting, bill paying, and with scheduling and keeping appointments;
  - j. Observing, coaching, training and providing feedback to direct service staff to ensure they have the necessary and adequate training to carry out the supports and services identified in the PCSP;
  - k. Following up with health and welfare concerns and remediation of deficiencies;
  - l. Completing required paperwork on behalf of the recipient (as needed);
  - m. Making home visits to observe the recipient's living environment to assure health and welfare; and
  - n. Providing information to the Service Coordinator (Targeted Case Manager) and support team members to allow evaluation and assurance that support services provided are those defined in the PCSP and are effective in assisting the recipient to reach his or her goals.
2. Residential Support Managers must work collaboratively with the recipient's Service Coordinator as well as other support team members. Residential Support Management services are different from TCM as the Service Coordinator is responsible for the development of the PCSP, which is the overall HCBS support plan, in consultation with the PCSP Team.

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## 2103.9B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to provider listed in 2103.2A, Residential Support Managers must have:

1. A High School Diploma or equivalent and two years' experience providing direct service in a human services field and remain under the direct supervision/oversight of a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP) or its equivalent; or
2. Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in psychology, special education, counseling, social work, or closely related field and one year of experience meeting the qualification of a QIDP.

## 2103.9C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

## 2103.10 NON-MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Non-Medical Transportation services are offered to enable recipients to gain access to community activities. Non-Medical Transportation services allow recipients to engage in normal day-to-day non-medical activities such as going to the grocery store or bank, participating in social and recreational events, or attending a worship service; activities are not all inclusive. Whenever possible, family, neighbors, friends, or community agencies should provide this service without charge.

### 2103.10A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. This service will not duplicate or impact the amount, duration, and scope of the Medical Transportation benefit provided under the Medicaid State Plan. Refer to MSM Chapter 1900 for more information regarding the coverage and limitations of State Plan Medical Transportation.
2. Non-Medical Transportation services under this waiver must be described or identified in the recipient's PCSP before the service is utilized. The use of Non-Medical Transportation must be summarized in the provider's quarterly progress report.
3. Non-Medical Transportation fees cannot exceed the current limit per month per recipient.

### 2103.10B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to provider responsibilities listed in 2103.2A, providers must have:

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1. A valid Nevada driver's license and provide verification of safe driving record and proof of driver's liability insurance.
2. Evidence of vehicle safety inspection completed prior to transporting recipient's and completion of ongoing periodic vehicle safety inspections. Providers are responsible for obtaining vehicle safety inspections and providing them to ADSD upon request.

#### 2103.10C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

#### 2103.11 NURSING SERVICES

There are three components of Nursing Services: Medical Management, Nursing Assessment, and Direct Services, (over and above State Plan).

##### 1. Medical Management

These services will be provided by a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensed in the state. Services are geared toward the development of health services support plans; training of direct support staff or family members to carry out treatment; monitoring of staff knowledge and competence to improve health outcomes; assistance with revision of health support plans in response to new or revised treatment orders or lack of positive outcomes of current supports by staff; monitoring/ assessment of the recipient's condition in response to current health supports provided; and as needed assistance with referrals to other medical providers. This service includes professional observation and assessment, individualized program design and implementation, training of recipients and family members, consultation with caregivers and other agencies, and monitoring and evaluation of planning and service outcomes. The functions outlined for this service differs from case management in that this service relates directly to the medical needs of the individual.

In addition, nurses may attend PCSP team meetings and physician visits as needed to provide advocacy, resource information and recommendations to team and treating physicians in order to facilitate health supports.

##### 2. Nursing Assessment

This service will be completed by an RN to identify the needs, preferences, and abilities of the recipient. The assessment includes: an interview with the recipient, and/or their designated representative/LRI, an observation by the nurse to consider the symptoms and

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signs of condition, verbal and nonverbal communication skills, medical and social history, medication and any other information available.

The nurse will assess vital signs, skin color and condition, motor and sensory nerve function, reproduction, dentition, height, nutrition, rest, sleep patterns, physical activities, elimination, and level of consciousness. Additionally, the following social and emotional factors will be assessed which include religion, occupation, attitudes on health care, mood, emotional tones, family ties and responsibility. The assessment is extremely important because it provides recommendations for medical and mental health care and follow-up which are shared with the recipient's team for review and inclusion in the PCSP. Nursing assessments may be performed and completed upon approved referral and authorization of the service coordinator. Assessments are completed by an RN and provide the basis for recommendations for medical and mental health care and follow-up, which are shared with the person's team for review and inclusion in the individual's support plan.

### 3. Direct Services

This service provides routine medical and health care services that are integral to meeting the daily needs of participants. This includes the routine administration of medication by nurses tending to the needs of participants who are ill and providing care to participants who have ongoing medical needs. Direct skilled nursing services are intended to be provided by an RN or LPN in a community setting, including home or work, as described and approved in the recipient's PCSP. LPNs must be under the supervision of an RN licensed in the state. Services include skilled medical care that is integral to meeting the daily medical needs of recipient. These services are intended to allow individuals under this waiver to live safely within an integrated community setting.

Services are limited to those that only a licensed professional can provide versus non-skilled care that unlicensed staff can provide such as ADL.

Skilled services include, but are not limited to medication administration, wound care, nasogastric or gastrostomy tube feeding, ostomy care, tracheotomy aspiration care, and catheter care, only when the procedure can be performed safely by an RN or LPN.

## 2103.11A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Nursing Services must be provided within the Scope of the Nevada Nurse Practice Act.
2. Nursing Services must be provided by an RN or LPN under the supervision of an RN who is licensed to practice as a nurse in the State of Nevada.
3. Nursing Services under the ID Waiver must include nursing progress notes and summaries on all nursing activities.

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4. Nursing Services may be provided in the recipient's home, work site, or in other community settings as described in the PCSP.
5. Nursing Services provided in this waiver will not duplicate the Nursing Services covered under the Medicaid State Plan.

#### 2103.11B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to provider responsibilities listed in 2103.2A providers must be:

1. An RN in accordance with NRS 632 licensing requirements; or
2. An LPN under the supervision of an RN in accordance with NRS 632 licensing requirement.

#### 2103.11C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

#### 2103.12 NUTRITION COUNSELING SERVICES

Nutrition Counseling Services include assessment of the recipient's nutritional needs, development and/or revision of recipient's nutritional plan, nutritional counseling and nutritional intervention, observation and technical assistance related to successful implementation of the nutritional plan. These services include:

- a. Nutritional training, education and consultation for recipients and their families or support staff involved in the day-to-day support of the recipient;
- b. Completing comprehensive assessment of nutritional needs;
- c. Developing, implementing and monitoring of nutritional plan incorporated in the PCSP, including updating and making changes in the PCSP as needed;
- d. Assisting in menu planning and healthy menu options; and
- e. Providing monthly case notes on nutritional activities and summaries of progress on the nutritional plan.

These waiver-covered nutritional duties are above and beyond those approved and covered under Medicaid State Plan Services.

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#### 2103.12A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

**Nutrition Counseling Services** do not include the cost of meals or food items.

#### 2103.12B PROVIDER ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the provider responsibilities/qualifications listed in MSM Section 2103.2A, providers must be:

1. A registered Dietician as certified by the American Dietetic Association.
2. Licensed to practice in the State of Nevada.

#### 2103.12C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

#### 2103.13 CAREER PLANNING

Career Planning is a person-centered, comprehensive employment planning and support service that provides assistance for recipients to obtain, maintain, or advance in competitive employment or self-employment. It is time limited and focuses on engaging a recipient in identifying a career direction and developing a plan for achieving integrated employment at or above minimum wage.

Career Planning includes activities that are primarily directed at assisting a recipient with identification of an employment goal and creating a plan to achieve this goal that are associated with performing competitive work in community integrated employment. This can be achieved by job exploration, job shadowing, informational interviewing, assessment of interests, and labor market research.

The providers coordinate, evaluate, and collaborate with recipients, designated representative/LRI, support team, employers, and others who can assist with discovering recipients' skills, abilities, interests, preferences, conditions, and needs. This support and evaluation should be provided to the maximum extent possible in the presence of the recipient and should be conducted in the community, but completion of activities in the home or without the presence of the recipient should not be precluded.

- A. If a waiver recipient is employed, career planning may be used to explore other competitive employment career objectives which are more consistent with the person's skills and interests, or to explore advancement opportunities in his or her chosen career.

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- B. Career Planning should be reviewed and considered as a component of a recipient's person-centered services and support plan, no less than annually, more frequently as necessary, or as requested by the recipient.
- C. These services should be designed to support successful employment outcomes consistent with the recipient's goals.
- D. Career Planning may include social security benefits support, training, consultation and planning as well as assessments for the use of assistive technology in the workplace to increase independence.
- E. The setting for the delivery of services must be aligned with the individualized need and that is most conducive in developing a career objective and a career plan.

The outcome of this service is documentation of the individual's stated career objective and career plan used to guide individual employment support. Services include planning for sufficient time and experiential learning opportunities to allow for appropriate exploration, assessment and discovery processes for learning about career options, as well as the participant's skills and interests. Career Planning may include informational interviewing, job tours, job shadowing, community exploration, community and business research, benefit supports, job preference inventories, situational and community-based assessments, job sampling, training and planning, as well as assessments for the use of assistive technology in the workplace to increase independence.

#### 2103.13A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. The PCSP may include two or more types of non-residential habilitation services. However, different types of non-residential habilitation services may not be billed simultaneously. If a waiver recipient is receiving Pre-Vocational Services or Day Habilitation Services, Career Planning may be used to develop additional learning opportunities and career options consistent with the recipient's skills and interest.
2. Career Planning will be limited to 216 hours within a six-month time period each year per recipient. The six-month periods may not be provided consecutively.
3. Career Planning furnished under the waiver may not include services available under a program funded under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or Section 602(16 and 17) and of the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401(16 and 17).

#### 2103.13B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the provider responsibilities listed in MSM Section 2103.2A, providers of Career Planning must have:

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1. Experience in working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities providing employment service and job development.
2. Knowledge of person-centered career planning, job analysis, supported employment services, situational and community-based assessments, best practices in customized employment, and knowledge of the business needs of an employer.
3. A valid Nevada driver's license. Must also have access to an operational and insured vehicle and be willing to use it to transport recipients. (Providers will bill Career Planning unit rate for time spent transporting, this is not a separate rate); and
4. Evidence of vehicle safety inspection completed prior to transporting recipient's and completion of ongoing periodic vehicle safety inspections. Providers are responsible for obtaining safety inspections and providing them to the ADSD upon request.

#### 2103.13C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B.

#### 2103.14 DENTAL SERVICES

Oral health has a direct impact on the ID Waiver recipient's overall health and quality of life. Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD) often have specific challenges during treatment such as the need for behavioral modifications.

#### 2103.14A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. The dental services under this waiver are only provided for individuals age 21 and over. All Medicaid medically necessary dental services for children under age 21 are covered in the state plan pursuant to the EPSDT benefit.
2. Dental services include but are not limited to:
  - a. Restoration (e.g. amalgam filling, resin-based composite filling, prefabricated stainless steel crown, and resin-crown, core buildup, etc.); and
  - b. Preventative care such as regular check-ups, cleaning, fluoride treatments, x-rays, fillings, periodontal maintenance, periodontal scaling and root planning, and root canal therapy.
  - c. For a complete list of covered dental services for ID Waiver recipients age 21 and over refer to <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov> in the PT 22 Billing Guide.

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Note: The scope and nature of this service differs from the State Plan Dental Service for Adults, which only offers emergency extractions, palliative care, and removable prosthesis.

3. Dental services do not include extractions for cosmetic purposes.
4. Dental services exceeding program limitations are not considered Medicaid benefits and are the financial responsibility of the recipient.
5. Dental services may not exceed the current limit per rolling year per recipient.

#### 2103.14B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provider requirements for PT 22:
  - a. Dental providers must be licensed by the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.
  - b. Must maintain a Medicaid Services Provider Agreement and comply with the criteria set forth in the Nevada MSM Chapter 100 and MSM Chapter 2100.
  - c. Dentists, public health endorsed dental hygienists, and dental therapists enrolled with Nevada Medicaid can bill for services provided to eligible ID Waiver recipients.
2. Reference Nevada Medicaid's Dental Benefit Schedule (Attachment A of the "PT 22" Billing Guide) document located at <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov> in Dentist (PT 22) Billing Guide for a list of Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes detailing requirements and service limitations.
3. Providers must verify the Medicaid eligibility status of each recipient prior to rendering services.
4. Providers must inform the recipient of their financial responsibility before rendering any uncovered service.
5. For details on reporting Incidents and Serious Occurrences refer to Section 2103.2A.(7).
6. For information on notification of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation, or abandonment refer to Section 2103.2A.(8).
7. Refer to MSM Chapter 100 for information on HIPAA, privacy, and confidentiality of recipient records and other PHI.



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8. Each provider must cooperate with DHCFP and/or State or Federal reviews or inspections.

#### 2103.14C RECIPIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The recipient or the recipient's designated representative/LRI will:

1. Notify the provider(s) and Care Coordinator of a change in Medicaid eligibility.
2. Notify the provider(s) and Care Coordinator of current insurance information, including the name of other insurance coverage, such as Medicare.
3. Notify the provider(s) and Care Coordinator of changes in medical status, service needs, address, and location, or changes of designated representative/LRI.
4. Notify the provider when scheduled visits cannot be kept.
5. Not request a provider to perform services not included in the PCSP.
6. Contact the Care Coordinator to request a change of provider.
7. The recipient and/or designated representative/LRI must sign and date all required forms.

#### 2103.15 INDIVIDUAL DIRECTED GOODS AND SERVICES

Individualized Directed Goods and Services are services, equipment, or supplies that address an identified need or outcome in the participant's PCSP and are not otherwise provided through the Medicaid State Plan. These services must be directed exclusively toward the benefit of the participant to improve and/or maintain participant opportunities for full membership in the community and ensure health, welfare, and safety of the participant.

Goods and services can only be used when the approved item of service is not covered under Medicaid State Plan, or any other private or publicly funded resource or other waiver service. Goods and services must be requested through the PCSP and linked to a specific identified need. Cost estimates must be provided to the Regional Center Service Coordinator and be reviewed and approved by the Regional Center Agency Manager prior to purchase.

#### 2303.15A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Memberships and Fees including but not limited to:
  - a. Fees associated with community recreation classes for the participant, this does not include secondary education.

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- b. Fees Associated with Special Olympics or similar athletic activities.
- c. Health memberships e.g., gyms, online fitness programs, weight loss programs.
- d. Recreation or socialization activities specific to the habilitation goal in the PCSP. Activities provided under Goods and Services may be covered only when they are included in a desired outcome related to specific residential goal in the PCSP.

Note: Costs associated with the consumption of alcohol, marijuana, illicit drugs, pornography, vacations or trips, gambling, strip clubs, brothels, or any illegal activities are not allowable.

- 2. Bed bug extermination in a person's place of residence only, to include a family home, own home, shared living arrangement, or 24-hour intensive supported living arrangement.
- 3. Equipment and Supplies:
  - a. Assistive technological devices, controls, appliances, or other items that enable a participant to increase their ability to perform ADL, or to recognize, control, or communicate with the environment, thus decreasing the need for assistance from others and will increase independence.
  - b. Accessories essential to prolong the life of assistive technology devices such as batteries, protective cases, and screen protectors.

Note: Shipping and handling costs may be paid if the shipping cost is included in the price of the item.

- 4. Home Adaptations to the residence of the recipient that enables them to function with greater independence in their home. Adaptations include the installation of the ramps and grab bars, widening of doorways, and bathroom modifications. The adaptations must be based on the recipient's need as documented in the PCSP.

Home Adaptations may only be funded through this waiver when services are not covered by Medicaid State Plan, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), a responsible third-party, such as Medicare or private insurance, and when all other payors and community resources have been exhausted.

The following adaptations are excluded:

- a. Building a new room

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- b. Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
  - c. Adaptations or improvements to the home that are of general maintenance and upkeep and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant such as adding square footage to their home and elevator installation, repair, or maintenance.
4. Equipment purchases are expected to be a one-time only purchase. Replacements, upgrades, or enhancements made to existing equipment may be paid if documented as a necessity and approved by the developmental Services Regional Center Manager. The following represents a non-inclusive list of non-permissible goods and services:
- a. Goods and services provided under this definition are not covered under the IDEA, home-based schooling, or Section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act, or available through any other public funding mechanism.
  - b. Goods, services, or supports benefiting persons other than the recipient.
  - c. Gifts, gift certificates, or gift cards for any purposes.
  - d. Items used solely for entertainment or recreational purposes.
  - e. Personal hygiene items.
  - f. Discretionary cash.
  - g. General clothing, food, or beverages.
  - h. Household furnishing.
  - i. Household cleaning supplies.
  - j. General home maintenance.
5. Goods and Services cannot exceed the current limit per year per recipient and must obtain authorization from the Regional Center Service Coordinator.

#### 2103.15B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2A

#### 2103.15C RECIPIENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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## 2103.16 BENEFITS COUNSELING

Benefits Counseling services are designed to assist recipients and their families/support network with understanding the potential impact of employment on the recipient's public benefits such as Supplemental SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Medicare, food/nutrition programs, housing assistance, and other federal, state and local benefits. Benefits Counseling will also provide information and education to the recipient regarding income reporting requirements for public benefits programs including the SSA.

Benefits Counseling provides work incentives counseling and planning services to recipients considering or seeking competitive integrated employment or career advancement or who need problem solving assistance to maintain their competitive integrated employment. This service assists with accessing work by providing recipients with accurate, individualized information on how they can obtain employment and earn income while maintaining the benefits they need. A certified Benefits Counselor will provide benefits counseling and will work in conjunction with the recipient to develop a work incentive plan. The Benefits Counselor will also address or eliminate any fears regarding work-related income compromising benefits by providing the recipient with information they need to make an informed choice about pursuing employment, changing jobs or career advancement.

### 2103.16A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

Benefits Counseling services are limited to a maximum of 60 (15 minutes) units, which is equal to 15 hours per recipient per rolling year.

### 2103.16B PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the provider responsibilities listed in Section 2103.2A, providers of Benefits Counseling must have:

1. An approved certification or credential in Benefits Counseling/Benefits Planning that is accepted by the SSA in one of the following; A Certified Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) Certification or Work Incentive Practitioner (WIP-C).

### 2103.16C RECIPIENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to Section 2103.2B

## 2107.17 INTAKE PROCEDURES

### A. WAIVER REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT ON THE WAIT LIST

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1. A referral or inquiry for the waiver may be made by a potential applicant or by another party on behalf of the potential applicant by contacting the local ADSD Regional Center. The Regional Center staff will discuss waiver services, including eligibility requirements with the referring party or potential applicant.

2. The Service Coordinator must conduct an LOC screening to verify eligibility for the wait list.

Note: If the applicant does not meet an LOC, they will receive a Notice of Decision (NOD) which includes the right to a fair hearing.

3. All applicants who meet waiver criteria must be placed on the statewide waiver wait list by priority and referral date. The following must be completed before placement on the wait list:

a. The applicant must meet LOC criteria for placement in an ICF/IID.

b. The applicant must require at least one ongoing waiver service.

c. The applicant must meet criteria for an intellectual or developmental disability.

Applicants will be sent a NOD indicating “no slot available. ADSD will notify the DHCFP Long Term and Services and Supports (LTSS) Unit when no slot is available. The applicant will remain on the waiting list until a waiver slot is available.

The allocation of waiver slots is maintained with ADSD. As waiver slots become available, ADSD determines how many slots may be allocated.

#### B. WAIVER SLOT ALLOCATION

Once a waiver slot is allocated by ADSD, the applicant will be processed for the waiver.

The procedure used for processing an applicant will be as follows:

1. The ADSD Service Coordinator will schedule a face-to-face visit with the applicant to complete the full waiver assessment to include diagnostic data, LOC determination, and will obtain all applicable forms, including but not limited to the Authorization for Release of Information.

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The applicant and/or designated representative/LRI must understand and agree that personal information may be shared with providers of services and others as specified on the form.

The ADSD Service Coordinator will inform the applicant and/or designated representative/LRI that, pursuant to NRS 232.357, the Divisions within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may share confidential information between themselves without a signed authorization for release of information.

The Service Coordinator will provide an application to apply for Medicaid benefits through DWSS if the applicant does not have these benefits already in place. The applicant is responsible for completing the application and submitting all requested information to DWSS. The Service Coordinator will assist upon request.

2. The applicant/recipient will be given the right to choose waiver services in lieu of placement in an ICF/IID. If the applicant/recipient and/or designated representative/LRI prefers placement in an ICF/IID, the service coordinator will assist the applicant/recipient in arranging for facility placement.
3. The applicant/recipient will be given the right to request a hearing if not given a choice between HCBS Waiver and ICF/IID placement.
4. When the applicant/recipient is approved by ADSD for the ID Waiver services, the following will occur:
  - a. A team meeting is held, and a written PCSP is developed in conjunction with the recipient and the PCSP Team to determine specific service needs and to ensure the health and welfare of the recipient. The applicant/recipient and/or designated representative/LRI and provider(s) must sign and date the PCSP. Interim PCSP's, unsigned by the applicant/recipient and/or designated representative/LRI and the provider(s), may be authorized for up to 60 days from the PCSP development meeting.

Note: Applicant/recipients already receiving services via ADSD State General Funds will already have a PCSP in place.

- b. The applicant/recipient, the applicant/recipient's family, or the designated representative/LRI, providers, and participants of the applicant/recipient's choice are included in the development of the PCSP.

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- c. Applicants/recipients will be given the free choice of all qualified available Medicaid providers of each Medicaid covered service included in the written individual support plan. Current PCSP must be given to all service providers and kept in the recipient's record.
- d. All forms must be complete with signatures and/or initials and dates by the applicant/recipient and/or designated representative/LRI and provider(s), where required. Electronic signatures are acceptable, as pursuant to NRS 719, on forms that require a signature.
- e. ADSD will forward a completed waiver packet requesting to add a benefit plan to the DHCFP LTSS Unit.
  - 1. The HCBS Waiver Eligibility Status form will be sent by the DHCFP LTSS Unit to the ADSD Service Coordinator.
  - 2. ADSD is responsible for notifying DWSS of approval to coordinate waiver slot allocation.
  - 3. DWSS is responsible for notifying ADSD of the applicants' status, to initiate waiver services.

#### C. SUPPORT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Developmental Services uses a person-directed planning process. Assessment information assists the team with identifying barriers to reaching the person's vision, desired outcomes, and support needs. Goals related to reaching the vision are developed based on the person's desired life outcomes, as well as any needs for maintaining appropriate health and welfare. This information is provided to the person-centered team for plan development at the PCSP meeting. This process provides direction for the identification of goals and assures that the meeting focuses on the participant and his or her priorities, preferences, and perspective.

The PCSP is developed utilizing applicable assessments that may include a social assessment, health assessment, risk assessment, or self-medication administration assessment tool.

The support plan is inclusive of the services and supports that are provided to meet the assessed needs of the participant. The service coordinator is responsible for understanding all services provided to the service recipient, gathering assessment, information, developing the PCSP based on team recommendations, facilitating plans for any necessary referrals, and monitoring all services, as part of the support plan implementation. The support plan also identifies the priority areas to be addressed based upon the person-

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centered planning process. The PCSP will identify which priority areas of support require habilitation plans. Additional supports, including general supervision, can be provided as needed to assist the individual with their daily life living in the community without the need for habilitation plans.

In addition to 42 CFR 443.301(c)(2)(i)-(xii), any modifications of the Support Plan must be supported by a specific assessed need and justified in the PCSP. The following requirements must be documented in the PCSP:

1. Identify a specific and individualized assessed need.
2. Document the positive interventions and supports used prior to any modifications to the PCSP.
3. Document less intrusive methods of meeting the need that have been tried but did not work.
4. Include a clear description of the condition that is directly proportionate to the specific assessed need.
5. Include regular collection and review of data to measure the ongoing effectiveness of the modification.
6. Include established time limits for periodic reviews to determine if the modification is still necessary or can be terminated.
7. Include the informed consent of the individual.
8. Include an assurance that interventions and supports will cause no harm to the individual.

#### D. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR WAIVER SERVICES

The effective date for waiver services approval is the completion date of all the intake forms, or the waiver eligibility determination date by DWSS, whichever is later. If the applicant is in an institution, the effective date cannot be prior to the date of discharge from the institution.

Waiver services will not be backdated beyond the first of the month in which the waiver eligibility determination is made by DWSS.



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E. SERVICE COORDINATION

Service Coordination is provided under the Medicaid State Plan Targeted Case Management service. This is an integral part of the management of the ID Waiver.

Refer to MSM Chapter 2500 for allowable activities under TCM.

F. WAIVER COST

DHCFP must assure CMS that the average per capita expenditures under the waiver will not exceed 100% of the average per capita expenditures for the institutional LOC under the Medicaid State Plan that would have been made in that fiscal year, had the waiver not been granted.

2103.18 PERMANENT CASE FILE

- A. For each approved ID Waiver recipient, the Service Coordinator must maintain a permanent record that documents services provided under the ID Waiver. The service provider is also required to maintain their billing documents and service records.
- B. These records must be retained for six years from the date the last claim is paid.

2103.19 SERVICE COORDINATOR RECIPIENT CONTACTS

- A. Recipient Contact
  - 1. The Service Coordinator must have monthly contact with each waiver recipient, or a recipient's designated representative/LRI, or the recipient's Supported Living or Jobs and Day Training provider. The contact must be sufficient to address health and safety needs of the recipient, needed support plan changes, recipients' goals and satisfaction with services and supports. At a minimum, there must be a face-to-face visit with each recipient quarterly.
  - 2. During quarterly contacts, the Service Coordinator will monitor whether the habilitation plans are meeting identified goals and provide any necessary follow-up on needs or concerns.
    - a. The Service Coordinator must show due diligence to hold the established contacts as outlined in the PCSP and every attempt to contact the recipient must be documented. At least three attempts must be completed on separate days within the quarter, if no response is received after the 3rd attempt, a

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letter must be sent to the recipient requesting a return contact. If the recipient fails to respond by the date indicated in the letter, the recipient may be terminated.

- b. When DHCFP is conducting a review of a recipient and the Service Coordinator has clearly documented the above steps were attempted during any given quarter wherein a quarterly contact was required, DHCFP shall waive that quarterly contact requirement.

#### B. Reassessment

1. Recipients must be reassessed at least annually within the same month. The recipient and provider(s) must sign and date the PCSP. Interim PCSP's, unsigned by the recipient and provider(s), may be authorized for up to 60 days.
2. The recipient must also be reassessed when there is a significant change in his/her condition.
3. The number of hours specified on each recipient's Service Authorization for each specific service, are considered the maximum number of hours allowed to be provided by the provider and paid by ADSD and DHCFP, unless the Service Coordinator has approved additional hours due to a temporary condition or circumstances. Providers are allowed to provide fewer services than stated on the Service Authorization if the reason for providing less service is adequately documented.
4. When the recipient's service needs increase, due to a temporary condition or circumstance, the Service Coordinator must thoroughly document the increased service needs in their case notes. The PCSP does not need to be revised for temporary conditions or circumstances. A temporary condition or circumstance is defined as an increase or decrease in service needs for a period not to exceed 30 days.
5. Residential Support Management hours are defined in the PCSP. A temporary increase in the residential support management hours for the recipient must receive prior authorization from ADSD, within the month of the temporary increase, and be justified based on health, safety and welfare concerns. If an increase is warranted to exceed a 30-day period, there must be a reassessment based on thorough documentation in the Residential Support Manager's case notes reflecting the health, safety, and welfare concerns and the Service Authorization must be revised.

#### a. Reassessment Procedures

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During the reassessment process, the Service Coordinator must:

1. Re-affirm the recipient meets the waiver criteria outlined in Section 2103.1.
2. Reassess the recipient's ability to perform ADLs and IADLs, his/her medical and mental status and support systems.
3. Re-evaluate the services being provided and progress made toward the goal(s) stated in the PCSP.
4. Develop a revised PCSP.
5. Re-assess the recipient's LOC.
6. Inform recipients about their rights, including the right to be free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation and abandonment.

#### 2103.20 BILLING PROCEDURES

The State assures that claims for payment of ID Waiver services are made only when a recipient is Medicaid eligible and only when the service is included in the approved PCSP plan.

Refer to the fiscal agent's website at: [www.medicaid.nv.gov](http://www.medicaid.nv.gov) for the Provider Billing Guide Manual.

#### 2103.21 DHCFP ANNUAL REVIEW

DHCFP (administrative authority) conducts an annual program review of the ID Waiver operated by ADSD to assess policy adherence, recipient quality of life, and the health and welfare of recipients receiving waiver services. The State must operate this waiver in accordance with certain "assurances" identified in Federal regulations. CMS has designated waiver assurances and sub assurances that states must include as part of an overall quality improvement strategy, which are:

1. The State demonstrates that it implements the processes and instrument(s) specified in its approved waiver for evaluating/reevaluating a recipient's LOC consistent with care provided in a hospital, NF or ICF/IID.
  - a. An evaluation for LOC is provided to all recipients for whom there is reasonable indication that services may be needed in the future.
  - b. The processes and instruments described in the approved waiver are applied

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appropriately and according to the approved description to determine initial recipient LOC.

2. Support Plan: The State demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for reviewing the adequacy of supportive service plans for waiver recipients.
  - a. Support Plans address recipients assessed needs (including health and safety risk factors) and personal goals, either by the provision of waiver services or through other means as determined by the PCSP team through the person-centered planning process.
  - b. Support Plans are updated/revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in the waiver recipient's needs.
  - c. Services are delivered in accordance with the support plan, including the type, scope, duration, and frequency specified in the support plan.
3. Qualified Providers: The State demonstrates that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for assuring that all waiver services are provided by qualified providers.
  - a. The State verifies that providers initially and continually meet required licensure and /or certification standards and adhere to other standards prior to their furnishing waiver services.
  - b. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that training is provided in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.
4. Health and Welfare: The State demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for assuring wavier recipient health and welfare.
  - a. The State demonstrates on an ongoing basis that it identifies, addresses, and seeks to prevent instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation, and unexplained death.
  - b. The State demonstrates that an incident management system is in place that effectively resolves those incidents and prevents further similar incidents to the extent possible.
  - c. The State policies and procedures for the use or prohibition of restrictive interventions (including restraints and seclusion) are followed.
  - d. The State assures overall health and safety and monitors these assurances based on the responsibility of the service provider as stated in the approved waiver.

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5. Financial Accountability: The State must demonstrate that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for ensuring financial accountability of the waiver.
  - a. The State provides evidence that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver and only for services rendered.
  - b. The State provides evidence that rates remain consistent with the approved rate methodology through the five-year waiver cycle.
6. Administrative Authority: DHCFP retains ultimate administrative authority and responsibility for the operation of the waiver by exercising oversight of the performance of waiver functions by other state and local/regional non-state agencies (if appropriate) and contracted entities.

The annual review is conducted using the above assurances and sub assurances as well as state specified performance measures identified in the approved ID waiver in order to evaluate the operation of the waiver.

Providers must cooperate with DHCFP's annual review process.

## 2103.22 MEDICAID PROVIDER ENROLLMENT PROCESS

1. All providers should refer to the MSM Chapter 100 for enrollment procedures.
2. All providers must comply with all DHCFP and ADSD enrollment requirements, provider responsibilities/qualifications, DHCFP and ADSD provider agreement and limitations set forth in this chapter.
3. Provider non-compliance with all or any of these stipulations may result in DHCFP's decision to exercise its right to terminate the provider's contract.

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## 2104 HEARINGS REQUEST DUE TO ADVERSE ACTIONS

An adverse action refers to denials, terminations, reductions or suspensions of a recipient's eligibility determination or an applicant's request for services. DHCFP must grant an opportunity for a hearing to an applicant/recipient/designated representative/LRI in the event an adverse action is taken by DHCFP.

### 2104.1 SUSPENDED WAIVER SERVICES

- A. A recipient's case must be suspended, instead of closed, if it is likely the recipient will be eligible again for waiver services within the next 60 days (for example if a recipient is admitted to an institutional setting, such as a hospital, an NF, or ICF/IID).
- B. After receiving written notification from the Service Coordinator with the admission date and the request for suspension of waiver services, a NOD identifying the effective date and the reason for suspension will be provided to the recipient by the DHCFP LTSS Unit.
- C. If at the end of 60 days the recipient has not been removed from suspension status, the waiver must be terminated.
- D. The DHCFP LTSS Unit sends a NOD to the recipient and/or designated representative/LRI advising them of the date and reason for the waiver closure/termination.
- E. Waiver services will not be paid for the days that a recipient's eligibility is in suspension status.

### 2104.2 RELEASE FROM SUSPENDED WAIVER SERVICES

When a recipient has been released from the hospital, NF or an ICF/IID before 60 days from the admit date, the Service Coordinator must do the following within five working days:

- a. Notify the DHCFP LTSS Unit of the release of suspension.
- b. Complete a new PCSP if there has been a significant change in the recipient's condition needs. If a change in services is expected to resolve in less than 30 days, a new PCSP is not necessary. Documentation of the temporary change must be made in the Service Coordinator's notes. The date of the resolution must also be documented in the Service Coordinator's notes.
- c. Complete a new Service Authorization, if necessary.
- d. Contact the service providers(s) to re-establish services.

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### 2104.3 DENIAL OF WAIVER APPLICATION

Reasons an applicant will be denied for waiver services:

- A. The applicant does not meet the criteria of being diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disability.
- B. The applicant does not meet the LOC criteria for placement in an ICF/IID.
- C. The applicant has withdrawn their request for waiver services.
- D. The applicant fails to cooperate with the Service Coordinator or the HCBS providers in establishing and/or implementing the PCSP implementing waiver services or verifying eligibility for waiver services.
- E. The applicant's support system is not adequate to provide a safe environment during the time when HCBS are not being provided. HCBS services are not a substitute for natural and informal supports provided by family, friends or other available community resources.
- F. The applicant fails to show a need for HCBS.
- G. The applicant would not require imminent placement in an ICF/IID if HCBS were not available. (Imminent placement means within 30 to 60 days.)
- H. Another agency or program will provide the services.
- I. ADSD has filled the number of slots allocated to the ID Waiver. The applicant has been approved for the waiver waitlist and will be contacted when a slot is available.
- J. The applicant has moved out of state.
- K. The agency has lost contact with the applicant.

When the application for waiver services is denied, the DHCFP LTSS Unit will issue a NOD, within five business days, to the recipient or designated representative/LRI identifying the reason for denial. The Date of Action (DOA) is the same date as the NOD date.

### 2104.4 TERMINATION OF WAIVER SERVICES

Reasons to terminate a recipient from the waiver:

- A. The recipient no longer meets the criteria of an intellectual or developmental disability.

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- B. The recipient no longer meets the LOC criteria for placement in an ICF/IID.
- C. The recipient has requested termination of waiver services.
- D. The recipient has failed to cooperate with the Service Coordinator or HCBS providers in establishing and/or implementing the support plan, implementing waiver services, or verifying eligibility for waiver services.
- E. The recipient's support system is not adequate to provide a safe environment during the time when HCBS are not being provided. HCBS Waiver services are not a substitute for natural and informal supports provided by family, friends or other available community resources.
- F. The recipient fails to show a continued need for HCBS.
- G. The recipient no longer requires imminent ICF/IID placement if HCBS Waiver services were not available. (Imminent placement means within 30 to 60 days.)
- H. The recipient has moved out of state.
- I. Another agency or program will provide the services.
- J. The recipient has been, or is expected to be, institutionalized over 60 days (in a hospital, NF, ICF/IID, or incarcerated) See below.
- K. ADSD has lost contact with the recipient.
- L. Death of the recipient.

When a recipient is scheduled to be terminated from the ID Waiver, the Service Coordinator will send a notification to the DHCFP LTSS Unit identifying the reason for termination. The DHCFP LTSS Unit will send a NOD to the recipient or the recipient's designated representative/LRI. The form must be mailed by DHCFP to the recipient at least 13 calendar days before the DOA on the NOD. Refer to MSM Chapter 3100 for exceptions to the advance notice.

Note: Service Coordinators must track recipient stays in an institutional setting. Five days prior to the 45<sup>th</sup> day, the Service Coordinator will send a notification to the DHCFP LTSS Unit identifying the 60<sup>th</sup> day of inpatient status, which is the termination date for waiver services.



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Waiver slots must be held for 90 days, from the date the NOD is sent to the recipient indicating termination or institutional placement, in case they are released and need waiver services upon release.

## 2104.5 REDUCTION OR DENIAL OF WAIVER SERVICES

Reasons to reduce or deny waiver services:

- A. The recipient no longer needs the number of service/support hours/days which were previously provided.
- B. The recipient no longer needs the service/supports previously provided.
- C. The recipient's parent and/or designated representative/LRI is responsible for the maintenance, health care, education, and support of their minor child or ward.
- D. The recipient's support system is providing the service.
- E. The recipient has failed to cooperate with the Service Coordinator or HCBS providers in establishing and/or implementing the support plan, implementing waiver services, or verifying eligibility for waiver services.
- F. The recipient has requested the reduction of supports/services.
- G. The recipient's ability to perform tasks has improved.
- H. Another agency or program will provide the service.
- I. Another service will be substituted for the existing service.
- J. The recipient has reached the authorized unit or annual service limit.

When a recipient has a reduction of waiver services, the Service Coordinator will send a notification to the DHCFP LTSS Unit identifying the reason for the reduction and what the service is being reduced to. The LTSS Unit will send a NOD to the recipient or the recipient's designated representative/LRI. The form must be mailed by DHCFP to the recipient at least 13 calendar days before the DOA on the NOD.

When a recipient is denied waiver services, the Service Coordinator will send a notification to the DHCFP LTSS Unit identifying the reason for the denial. The LTSS Unit will send a NOD to the recipient or the recipient's designated representative/LRI within five days, identifying the reason for denial. The DOA is the same date of the NOD date.

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#### 2104.6 REAUTHORIZATION WITHIN 90 DAYS

When a recipient is placed in an institutional setting such as NF, ICF/IID, or hospital, they must be sent a NOD terminating them from the waiver 60 days from admit date. Their waiver slot must be held for 90 days from the NOD date. A recipient may be placed back in that slot if they are released within 90 days of the NOD date, and request reinstatement, but must continue to meet waiver eligibility criteria. After 90 days, their slot may be given to the next individual on the wait list. If a recipient requests reinstatement after the 90 days expired, they are treated as a new referral.

The Service Coordinator will send a notification to the DHCFP LTSS Unit identifying the reinstatement date.

#### 2104.7 HEARINGS PROCEDURES

Please reference MSM Chapter 3100, Hearings, for hearings procedures.