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DAY SUPPORT WAIVER

PREFACE

The Day Support (DS) Waiver provides day support (regular or high-intensity), prevocational, and supported employment services (individual and group models) to individuals on the Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disability (MR/ID) Waiver statewide waiting list.

This chapter is unique to the DS Waiver. All other information regarding the services in the DS Waiver is covered in other chapters in this manual.

INTRODUCTION

Home and community-based DS Waiver services described in this chapter are covered under the Medicaid Program through a Section 1915(c) Waiver. At the time of the screening for waiver services by a Community Services Board (CSB) or Behavioral Health Authority (BHA), an eligible individual and the individual's family member/caregiver make a choice between receiving services in an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation (ICF/MR) or in the community through the MR/ID or DS Waiver. If the individual or the individual's family member/caregiver, as appropriate, chooses DS Waiver services, then the community-based services available through the DS Waiver must be determined to be an appropriate service alternative to delay or avoid placement in an ICF/MR. The individual or the individual's family member/caregiver or authorized representative/guardian, as appropriate, also must be provided choice as to the services and providers of the services to meet the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services assurances.

Providers of DS services must meet the provider qualifications in Chapter II, "Provider Participation Requirements." Services shall be provided in accordance with the service criteria in Chapter IV and in conjunction with the current assessment of the individual's support needs and the Individual Support Plan. The Individual Support Plan (completed in coordination with the service provider and the individual and his or her family member/caregiver, as appropriate) is the combination of an assessment of the individual's needs in all life areas and the Plans for Supports that: a) describe the services and supports necessary and available under the DS Waiver to address these needs and; b) the manner in which the services will be delivered.

A provider is reimbursed only for the amount and type of services included in the Plan for Supports as shown on the Individual Services Authorization Request (ISAR), authorized by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and documented in the individual's record. Individuals receiving DS Waiver services must also

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receive MR/ID Targeted Case Management services covered under the Medicaid State Plan Option.

For any DS Waiver service, a qualified case manager employed by or contracted with the CSB/BHA shall coordinate the Individual Support Plan using the team approach described in Chapter IV of this manual. Refer to Chapter II for the qualifications of a case manager.

ELIGIBILITY FOR DAY SUPPORT WAIVER SERVICES

DS Waiver services may be recommended by the case manager only if the individual meets all of the following criteria:

- Has a diagnosis of MR/ID as defined by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD);
- Is currently on the statewide waiting list for the MR/ID waiver;
- Meets ICF/MR criteria, as indicated by the Level of Functioning (LOF) Survey; and
- Is determined by the local department of social services to be eligible for Medicaid.

DAY SUPPORT WAIVER SLOT ALLOCATION

Each CSB/BHA is assigned one DS Waiver slot by DBHDS. The remaining available slots will be distributed to the CSBs/BHAs based on their percentage of individuals when compared to the statewide total of individuals on the MR/ID Waiver waiting list. Individuals are enrolled in the DS Waiver from the MR/ID Waiver Statewide Waiting List based on the date of need reported by the case manager when the individual was placed on the waiting list, inclusive of urgent and non-urgent categories. All slots shall remain CSB/BHA slots, and when vacated, will be offered to the next individual on the MR /ID Waiver waiting list from that CSB/BHA based upon the date of need.

DAY SUPPORT WAIVER SERVICES

The DS Waiver covers three services: day support, prevocational, and supported employment services. These services are described in Chapter IV of this manual.

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PROVIDER PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS, COVERED SERVICES AND LIMITATIONS, BILLING, AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Once an individual has chosen to accept the DS Waiver, the enrollment process, the authorization process, case management requirements, waiver service provider requirements, billing, and quality management review processes are identical to the processes and requirements as described for the MR/ID Waiver in Chapters II, IV, V, and VI of this manual.