

Summary of Revisions Made to the ISP Manual

Section 2.3: Assessment Process

- SC Documentation Requirements have been updated to reflect current guidance regarding communication assessments.

Section 6: ISP Review Checklist

- Information was updated to align with Informational Memo 085-15 “ISP Review Checklist- Elimination of Six Month Review”.

Section 13.1: Assistive Technology

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - \$5,000 lifetime limit on generators effective July 1, 2016. (Does not impact generators provided before July 1, 2016.)
 - \$10,000 lifetime limit applies to generators purchased at any time.
 - One Replacement electronic device every 5 years
- Clarify that iPads and Samsung Galaxy tablets are covered as electronic devices.

Section 13.2: Behavioral Support

- Provider Specialty changed to 508 – Behavioral Support

Section 13.3: Companion Services

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Relatives and legal guardians are allowed to provide this service.
 - Implement limits on the hours of service provided by relatives and legal guardians.
- Clarify that individuals who are age 18 to 20 may not receive medically necessary personal care services as part of Companion Services.

Section 13.4: Education Support Services

- Clarify that 75% of the time the individual spends on campus is integrated with the general student population to comply with CMS Home and Community -Based Settings regulations.
- Clarify that on campus peer support may be provided through Education Support services.

Section 13.5: Employment Services

- Clarify that Supported Employment services can be used to find or support employment that occurs outside of school hours and is not included in the student’s complete and approved IEP.
- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Individuals under 24 must be referred to OVR prior to receiving Transitional Work Services.
- Clarify that Affirmative Industry through Transitional Work is a business that sells products or services where at least 51% of the employees do not have a disability and where the individual receives minimum wage or higher.

Section 13.6: Home and Community Habilitation (Unlicensed)

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Implement limits on the hours of service provided by relatives and legal guardians.
 - Revised definition to reflect the range of activities that can support integration, autonomy and independence.
 - Level 4 enhanced services can be provided by at least one staff member who has at a minimum a 4 year degree or who is a licensed nurse. The second staff member must have at least a high school diploma.
- Clarify that this service can be used to assist an individual to volunteer in a nursing facility or hospital or visit a friend or family member in a licensed setting or unlicensed residential setting.

Section 13.7: Home Accessibility Adaptations

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Modifications may only be made to existing bathrooms.
 - Home Accessibility Adaptations may not be used in the construction of a new home.

Section 13.10: Nursing

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Relatives and legal guardians are allowed to provide Nursing services when qualification criteria are met.
 - This service is only available to adult individuals.
- Clarify insurance documentation requirements.

Section 13.11: Residential Habilitation Services (Licensed) Consolidated Waiver

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Allow individuals to receive Supports Broker to transition to a private residence and self-direct services in the residence.

Section 13.14: Respite

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - There may not be a charge for room and board services in a licensed residential or camp setting that is licensed or accredited.
 - Increase in number of 15-minute units available in the P/FDS Waiver only.
 - Level 3 enhanced services can be provided by at least one staff member who has at a minimum a 4 year degree or who is a licensed nurse. The second staff member must have at least a high school diploma.

Section 13.15: Specialized Supplies

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - This service is only available to adult individuals.

Section 13.16: Supports Broker

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Allow individuals in residential habilitation settings to receive Supports Broker to transition to a private residence and self-direct services in the residence.

Section 13.18: Therapy Services

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - This service is only available to adult individuals.
 - Orientation, Mobility and Vision Therapy terminology and provider qualification requirements.
- Clarify insurance documentation requirements.

Section 13.19: Transportation

- Clarify that Waiver funding can be used to pay an individual's copay for public transportation programs such as Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Rural Transportation Program for Persons with Disabilities (PWD).

Section 14: Policy for Waiver Services Provided by Relatives, Legal Guardians and Legally Responsible Individuals

- Align the information with the current approved waiver amendments:
 - Spouses are classified as relatives.
 - Individuals should express their preference to have the relative/legal guardian provide the service(s).
 - Companion and Nursing services can be provided by relatives or legal guardians.
 - Implement limits on the weekly number of hours that relatives or legal guardians can provide Home and Community Habilitation, Companion or a combination of Home and Community Habilitation and Companion (when both services are authorized in the ISP).
- Clarify circumstances for 90 calendar day exception to the limit on the weekly number of hours that relatives or legal guardians can provide Home and Community Habilitation, Companion or a combination of Home and Community Habilitation and Companion (when both services are authorized in the ISP).
- Clarify how the calendar days are to be counted for the 90 day exception.

Section 18: ISP Key Terms

- Added definitions for the following terms: Direct Service, Individual Provider and Private Home.