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CHILDREN & ADULT HOME BASED SERVICES

The Family Support Network has a great handout titled, “Frequently Asked Questions” - regarding the **Children’s and Adult Home-Based Support Services Program** for the developmentally disabled, which is 43 pages.

To get a copy, go to www.familysupportnetwork.org and on the right side of their home page, under “Children’s & Adult’s Home-Based Support Services Program,” click on “FSN Frequently Asked Questions.”

I have included a few pages from the handout which outlines the types of services available. For more detailed information, please print out the entire report.

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The Family Support Network Answers

Frequently Asked Questions

Regarding the
Children's and Adult Home-Based Support Services
Programs

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The Included Services

The following is a very brief overview. Remember to check the Provider Manual (www.familysupportnetwork.org or www.dd.illinois.gov) or with your Service Facilitator for more in-depth information

Individual Service and Support Advocacy (ISSA)

- Both Children's and Adults
- Provided by Independent Service Coordination Agency
- Covered OUTSIDE the monthly allotment
- Advocacy Assistance
- Quality Assurance
- 4 visits a year either in home or day training or another natural setting – all face to face

Service Facilitation

- Both Children's and Adults
- Helps create and coordinate the Individual Service Plan (ISP)
- Participants must reserve 2 hours a month
- Individual or family can agree to more hours
- 6 visits a year – all must be face to face, a minimum of 3 visits must be in the person's home
- For adults, 2 visits may be in a day program, others may be in-home or other mutually agreed place
- For children, visits may be to support an IEP meeting, in the home, or another mutually agreed location.

Personal Support Workers

- Both Children's and Adults
- Workers must be 18 or Older
- Workers must have GED
- Paid directly by ACES\$
- Called "Direct Support Workers"
- Spouses of adults may not be workers
- Family members of adults may be workers
- Family members of children may not be workers (including parents, guardians, siblings, aunts, uncles, first cousins and grandparents, whether related by blood or marriage - in-laws or through a step relationship)

Or You Can Hire an Agency to

- Provide direct support workers for you
- Find and hire the worker for you
- Train and supervise the worker for you
- AND pay the worker directly – No ACES\$!
- Your cost per hour may be higher

Behavior Intervention and Treatment

- Both Children's and Adults
- New rates – same for both
- 2 levels – based on qualifications
- Limits
- Adult – 66 hours per year
- Children – no limit

Behavior Intervention and Treatment

- Therapists are enrolling with DHS now
- Therapist must become a Medicaid provider
- They can contact Rich Behl at 217-557-9112 for more information

Unpaid Caregiver Counseling – NEW!

- Both Children's and Adults
- Individual and group
- Accept Medicaid rate
- Go through DHS to be qualified – must show state license
- There are caps

Unpaid Caregiver Training – NEW!

- Both Children's and Adults
- Tuition and Fees
- Does not include transportation, food, lodging
- Prior approval by Network Facilitator
- Provider has to accept Medicaid reimbursement

Crisis Services – NEW!

- Adults Only
- Requires written prior approval
- For emergencies due to the absence or incapacity of the primary unpaid caregiver
- Up to \$2,000 a month for up to 2 months for additional personal support
- Unlimited reoccurrences per year

Special Recreation Associations – NEW!

- Has to accept Medicaid reimbursement
- Staff has to be trained
- Have to bill in hourly increments
- Can provide personal supports
- Can also choose to provide developmental training – big certification process
- <http://www.il-ipra.org/forms/2006ITRSServicesDivision.pdf>

Developmental Training

- Adults Only
- 1,100 hours is the limit per year
- 92 hours per month is average over 12 months
- 115 hours is limit per month
- \$10.39 per hour is rate
- Transportation is included and cannot be billed outside this rate

Non-Medical Transportation

- Adults Only
- Cannot be used for developmental training which includes transportation
- Cannot be used for transportation covered by medical card (Dr's, therapies, x-ray, etc)
- .37/mile – capped at \$500/month
- Service Facilitator has to sign off

Emergency Home Response

- Adults Only
- Electronic device to call for help
- For folks who can live independently
- Monthly fee which is paid through your service plan

\$15,000 over Five Years Funding

- Both Children's and Adults
- Outside the Monthly Allotment
- Assistive Technology
- Adaptive Equipment
- Vehicle Modifications
- Home Accessibility Modifications
- Must have prior approval
- Work with your Service Facilitator