

	Addictive and Mental Disorders Division Severe and Disabling Mental Illness, Home and Community Based Services Waiver Manual
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Policy Number: <i>SDMI HCBS 335</i>	Subject: Homemaker Chore

Definition

Homemaker Chore activities include extensive cleaning beyond the scope of incidental household cleaning under any other state plan or waiver service. Services are needed to maintain the home in a sanitary and safe environment. This service includes heavy household chores such as deep cleaning floors, windows and walls, tacking down loose rugs and tiles, moving heavy items of furniture in order to provide safe access and egress. Homemaker chore may include moving expenses when the member must move due to a health or safety concern.

Determination of Need

- (1) The member’s need for Homemaker Chore is represented by:
 - (a) documentation which details of the hazards posed to the member's health and safety, why state plan services are not adequate, and why the requested homemaker chore is necessary to prevent institutionalization; and
 - (b) the service may be provided only when neither the member nor anyone else in the household is capable of performing or financially providing for them, and where no other relative, caregiver, landlord, community/volunteer agency, or third-party payor is capable of or responsible for their provision.

Provider Requirements

- (1) The provider must be:
 - (a) a housekeeping or janitorial entity that is licensed and insured to deliver professional housekeeping services;
 - (b) an individual approved by the department that is licensed as a personal care entity.

Service Requirements

- (1) Homemaker Chore does not include assistance with activities of daily living.
- (2) Homemaker Chore services are not allowed for a resident in an adult residential setting with the exception of moving expenses.

- (3) In the case of rental property, the responsibility of the landlord, pursuant to the lease agreement, is examined prior to any authorization of service.

Utilization

- (1) Homemaker Chore is based on the member's assessed need and are limited to additional services not otherwise covered under Medicaid state plan.
- (2) Homemaker Chore must be prior authorized by the community program officers.