

SECTION
SERVICES

SUBJECT
Homemaker

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DEFINITION

Homemaker services consist of general household activities. Homemaker services are provided to individuals unable to manage their own home or when the individual normally responsible for homemaking is absent. Homemaker services do not include personal care services available under State Plan Medicaid.

COVERED SERVICES

Homemaker activities include but are not limited to the following:

1. Household management necessary for maintaining and operating a home. This may include assisting an individual to find and relocate to other housing; general housecleaning and meal preparation, performance of household chores such as heavy cleaning (e.g. washing windows or walls); yard care, walkway maintenance; minor home repairs; wood chopping or stacking.
2. Teaching services to improve an individual's or family's skills in household management and social functioning.
3. Social restorative services consisting of assistance which will further an individual's involvement with activities and other persons. This may include reimbursement to the homemaker for escort to social functions if the individual's needs require such a service. Social restorative services under Homemaker are different from Socialization under HCBS Personal Assistance. Social restorative services under Homemaker are intended for those individuals who do not require assistance with personal care. If an individual can use homemaker services, HCBSS PAS should not be used.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Homemaker services must meet the following criteria:

1. Services shall be provided only after other homemaker services provided by the Department or through other state and federally funded programs have been exhausted.
2. Homemakers must be physically and mentally able to perform the duties required and able to follow written orders.

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SERVICE LIMITATION

Homemaker services are not allowed for an individual residing in an adult residential setting.

