

**SECTION**  
**SERVICES**

**SUBJECT**

Homemaker & Homemaker Chore

REFERENCES: ARM: 37.90.437

**DEFINITION**

Homemaker services consist of general household activities. Homemaker services are provided to members 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:

- Household management necessary for maintaining and operating a home. This may include assisting a member 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. When billing for Household Homemaker services use the appropriate designated procedure code S5130 with a UA modifier;
- Teaching services to improve an individual's or family's skills in household management and social functioning; and
- Homemaker Chore services are for households requiring extensive cleaning beyond the scope of general household cleaning. When billing for this service, use the appropriate designated procedure code for the chore service S5131 with a UA modifier.

**All** Homemaker Chore services must be prior authorized by the Department. Refer to MHSB form DPHHS-SDMI 149 found in CaseWave and policy SDMI HCBS 403.

SDMI HCBS Waiver is the payer of last resort. If the member's residence is rented or leased, the lease must be reviewed to determine if the landlord is responsible for activities such as home repairs, yard care or walkway maintenance.

**SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Homemaker services must meet the following criteria:

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

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**PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

CMT is required to gain prior authorization for all Homemaker chore services. Prior authorization must be attained from the CPO **before** service can be provided.

**PAYMENT TO LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS**

Payment for this service may be made to legally responsible individuals, if program criteria are met. Refer to SDMI HCBS 604-1.

**SERVICE LIMITATION**

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