

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

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1. TYPE OF REQUEST: Follow-up to Verbal Request - Date of Verbal Request: _____ Written Request - Date: 6/2/2015

2. STATEMENT OF QUESTION OR ISSUE: The current Individual Goods and Services form dated February 1, 2014 lists 'personal hygiene items' as disallowed purchases. "Toothettes" and personal wipes are often requested for persons with limited ability to brush their teeth or who are incontinent. Under what conditions, if any, would personal hygiene items be an allowable waiver expense?

Thank-you.

References:

3. ANSWER:

Personal hygiene items are those items commonly used by people in performing basic hygiene care. A partial list of examples includes soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, deodorant, feminine products, razors and shaving cream. Personal hygiene items are not an allowable waiver expense because they are not specific to the disability needs of the individual receiving services.

Specific to toothettes® and personal wipes, these may be better categorized as non-reusable medical supplies related to the person's disability, referenced on page 2 of the Individual Goods and Services document, dated February 1, 2014. The purchase of toothettes® or personal wipes with waiver funds may be appropriate if the items are not covered, or exceed the coverage limitations of State Plan Medicaid. Please refer to pages 1-3 of the Individual Goods and Services document, dated February 1, 2014 for further guidance.

References:

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