

DDP 0208 DD Comprehensive Waiver Service Definitions

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26. Retirement Services 09/25/2013

Retirement services are available to a person who is of the typical retirement age (age 62 or older) or is limited due to health and safety issues. Participants of this service are no longer able to maintain employment due to health and safety risks OR are of retirement age. Retirement services are structured services consisting of day activities and residential support.

Retirement services may be provided in a provider operated residence (licensed DD group home) or community day activity setting and may be provided as a continuous or intermittent service.

The outcome of Retirement services is to treat each person with dignity and respect, to the maximum extent possible maintain skills and abilities, and to keep the person engaged in their environment and community through optimal care and support. Retirement services are designed to actively stimulate, encourage and enable active participation; develop, maintain, and increase awareness of time, place, weather, persons, and things in the environment; introduce new leisure pursuits; establish new relationships; improve or maintain flexibility, mobility, and strength; develop and maintain the senses; and to maintain and build on previously learned skills.

Retirement services must be furnished in a way which fosters the independence of each individual. Strategies for the delivery of Retirement services must be person centered and person directed to the maximum extent possible and is identified in the plan of care.

When Retirement services are delivered in a provider operated residence (licensed DD group home), staff must meet scheduled or unpredictable needs in a way that promotes maximum dignity and independence, to provide supervision, safety and security, and to provide activities to keep the person engaged in their environment.

The personal living space and belongings of individuals living at the provider operated residence (licensed DD group home) must not be utilized by those receiving Retirement

services at the residence. Only shared living spaces such as the living room, kitchen, bathroom, and recreational areas may be utilized.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Payments for Retirement services are not made for room and board.

The waiver will not cover activities which are otherwise available under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), or EPSDT.

27. Speech Therapy

These services will be provided through direct contact between therapist and individual as well as between the therapist and other people providing services to the individual.

Speech therapy services may include:

1. Screening and evaluation of individuals with respect to speech and hearing functions;
2. Comprehensive speech and language evaluations when indicated by screening results;
3. Participation in the continuing interdisciplinary evaluation of individuals for purposes of beginning, monitoring and following up on individualized habilitation programs; and
4. Treatment services as an extension of the evaluation process, which include:
Consultation with appropriate people involved with the individual for speech improvement and speech education activities to design specialized programs for developing each individual's communication skills in comprehension, including speech, reading, auditory training, and skills in expression.

Therapists will also provide training to staff and caregivers who work directly with individuals.

Speech therapy services under the State Plan are limited. Maintenance therapy is not reimbursable, nor is participation in the interdisciplinary planning process.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

This service will not overlap with, supplant, or duplicate other services provided through the waiver or Medicaid State plan services.

The waiver will not cover activities which are otherwise available under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), or EPSDT.