References: ARM: 37.40.1450

DEFINITION
Homemaker services consist of general and 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:

1. Household management necessary for maintaining and operating a home. This may include general housecleaning, laundry, shopping, and meal preparation.

See HCBS 716 for Homemaker Chore Services for individuals requiring more extensive and heavy duty house cleaning and maintenance.

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 or 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.

3. Homemaker services will be provided only to members who reside in their own home.
SERVICE LIMITATION
Homemaker services are not allowed for a member residing in a residential habilitation setting. Homemaker services cannot be utilized to escort a member to social functions.

PAYMENT TO LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS
Payment for this service may be made to legally responsible individuals, if program criteria are met. Refer to HCBS 604-1.