

Children’s HCBS Service Provisions

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) are a series of Medicaid-funded services designed to help a child/youth achieve functional success in his/her home and community.

The following table summarizes important provisions of the descriptions of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) that will be Medicaid-reimbursable for children who meet eligibility requirements, as determined by the CANS-NY assessment starting in October 2017.

Service	Description	Modality	Location	Agency Qualifications	Staff Qualifications	Staffing Requirements	Service Limits
Habilitation	Skill-building activities for children with disabilities in areas including self-help, self-care, and socialization to allow for their successful functioning in their home and community	Face-to-face, with child or in groups	On-site or off-site, in the most appropriate setting (including home or community)	Must be New York State (NYS) Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) certified, not-for-profit habilitation provider agencies	Agency employee with approval to provide this service	Not specified	Under development
Habilitative Skill Building	Training to help individuals develop the skills necessary to successfully live in home and community-based settings, including communication, self-help, and instruction in day-to-day activities	Face-to-face, with the child or family as required. Groups cannot exceed two HCBS-eligible children or families	On-site or off-site, in the most appropriate setting (including home or community)	Must be either a NYS OMH, OASAS, OCFS, or DOH licensed child serving agency or a not-for-profit skill building agency	Must be a high school graduate or equivalent Supervisors must have a bachelor’s degree and one year or experience in human services working with children	Not specified	Under development

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Caregiver/ Family Supports and Services	Provision of education, advocacy and support resources to help caregivers/families care for the child in the home/community	Face-to-face, with the child or family as required. Groups cannot exceed two HCBS-eligible children or families	On-site or off-site, in the most appropriate setting (including home or community)	Must be either a NYS OMH, OASAS, OCFS, or DOH licensed child serving agency or a not-for-profit family/caregiver supports agency	Must be a high school graduate or equivalent Supervisors must have a bachelor's degree and one year or experience in human services working with children	Not specified	Under development
Respite	Short-term assistance or relief for children and families to maintain the child's health and safety Respite can be planned or provided in crisis situations, and it may involve services such as supervision, conflict resolution, and skilled nursing	Planned Overnight: Individual face-to-face Planned Day: Individual or group (up to 3) face-to-face Crisis Day/Overnight: Individual face-to-face	More guidance forthcoming	Must be either a NYS OMH, OASAS, OCFS, or DOH licensed child serving agency or an approved respite care and services provider under Part 435 of 18NYCRR	For respite in foster care residence/group home: Paraprofessionals with high school diploma or equivalency For respite in foster boarding home: Licensed Foster Parent For respite for children not in foster care: Must be either (a) staff of an OMH-certified Community Residence or specifically trained family homes or (b) a home/community respite worker who is at least 18 for daytime and 21 for overnight services, and who has experience working with children as well as a high school diploma or equivalency	Not specified	Under development; respite is not an allowable substitute for permanent housing arrangements

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Prevocational Services	<p>Services to prepare a youth (age 14 or older) for paid or unpaid employment</p> <p>Provides learning and work experiences to help develop general (non-job specific) strengths and soft skills</p> <p>This service will be provided for a defined period of time, with specific goals</p>	Face-to-face, with youth or in groups of two or three participants.	On-site or off-site, in the most appropriate setting (including home or community)	Must be either a NYS OMH, OASAS, OCFS, or DOH licensed child serving agency or a not-for-profit vocational service provider agency	<p>May be non-licensed, and must possess Associate's degree with one year human service experience</p> <p>Supervisors must have a bachelor's degree and three years of relevant experience</p>	Not specified	Under development
Supported Employment	Services provided to help an individual obtain and maintain competitive paid employment.	Individual, face-to-face	<p>A variety of settings, particularly worksites</p> <p>More guidance forthcoming</p>	Must be either a NYS OMH, OASAS, OCFS, or DOH licensed child serving agency or a not-for-profit vocational service provider agency	<p>May be non-licensed, and must possess Associate's degree with one year human service experience</p> <p>Supervisors must have a bachelor's degree and three years of relevant experience</p>	Not specified	Under development; Medicaid funds may not be used to defray the expenses associated with starting up or operating a business
Community Self-Advocacy Training and Supports	<p>Various trainings for the child and family to enable child's success in the community</p> <p>Types of training offered include direct self-advocacy with collateral contacts and self-advocacy training for the child and family</p>	<p>Face-to-face, with the child or family as required</p> <p>Groups cannot exceed 3 HCBS eligible-children or 12 participants in total</p>	On-site or off-site, in the most appropriate setting (including home or community)	Must be either a NYS OMH, OASAS, OCFS, or DOH licensed child serving agency or a not-for-profit that offers Community Self-Advocacy Training and Support services	<p>Agency employee with bachelor's degree and two years of relevant experience</p> <p>Supervisors must have a master's degree and one year of experience in human services working with children</p>	Not specified	Under development

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Non-Medical Transportation	Transportation services that are needed so that individuals can get access to authorized HCBS services or destinations related to goals included on Plan of Care More guidance forthcoming	In person More guidance forthcoming	Community	Must be current Medicaid Transportation Provider	More guidance forthcoming	Not specified	Under development
Adaptive and Assistive Equipment	Installation of technological aids and devices to the home, vehicle or other eligible residence to help ensure the health, welfare and safety of the child	<i>More information and guidance forthcoming. These boxes are expected to be updated in the future.</i>					Five year spending cannot exceed \$30,000 unless exception is made when medically necessary
Accessibility Modifications	Provision of internal and external physical adaptations to the home or other eligible residences to help ensure the health, welfare and safety of the child	<i>More information and guidance forthcoming. These boxes are expected to be updated in the future.</i>					Five year spending cannot exceed \$30,000 unless exception is made when medically necessary

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Palliative Care	<p>Provision of specialized medical care to provide relief from the symptoms and stress of a chronic condition or life threatening illness. Activities include: bereavement therapy, pain and symptom management, expressive therapy and massage therapy</p> <p>Children must meet Level of Care (LOC) functional criteria and have a chronic medical condition or serious illness with risk for death before age 21</p>	N/A	On-site or off-site, in the most appropriate setting (including home or community)	<p>Must be one of the following licensed providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) or Hospice Organization; (b) Certified Child Life Specialist; (c) NYS certified massage therapist; (d) NYS board certified pediatrician, family medicine physician, or nurse practitioner; or (e) LCSW, LMSW, Licensed Psychologist, or NYS Licensed Mental Health Counselor 	Expected to have a minimum of three years working with the medically fragile population and at least one year of clinical experience with the pediatric population	Not specified	Under development

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Customized Goods and Services	Services, equipment or supplies not otherwise provided through the Medicaid State Plan that are available under a pilot program and increases the child's safety in the home or community			N/A			<p>Ineligible services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experimental or prohibited treatments; Room and Board in a residential facility; Credit card /other debt payments; or Recreational services or goods