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## Community Pathways Waiver **Amendment #2**

### **Supports Services Group #2**

*(Live-In Caregiver Rent, Community Personal Supports, Respite,  
Transition Services, & Transportation)*

*A Partnership for better communication on  
developmental disability services in Maryland*

Public Webinars

Presented: August 29, 2016, Sept 2, 2016, and Sept 3, 2016



# Agenda

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# Overview

- We are making changes to the Community Pathways Waiver to create a more flexible, person-centered, family oriented system of supports
- The changes are based on feedback from individuals receiving services and their families, recommendations from the independent consultants, and are aimed at furthering compliance with new federal rules and requirements from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Labor (DOL)
- Requests to make changes to the waiver program are made by submitting a Waiver Amendment to CMS
- We are making changes to the waiver program in stages and will reflect the development of new services, improved business rules, processes, and service rates; and will provide ample opportunity for meaningful public engagement on the prospective changes

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# Amendment #2 - Purpose

For Amendment #2, the DDA is proposing to make changes to the current waiver services including service definitions, limitations, and provider qualifications. The purposes of these changes are to:

- simplify the waiver language and description of processes so that all stakeholders can understand
- incorporate best practices
- reflect stakeholder listening sessions, consultant reports, and workgroup's recommendations
- meet federal service requirements

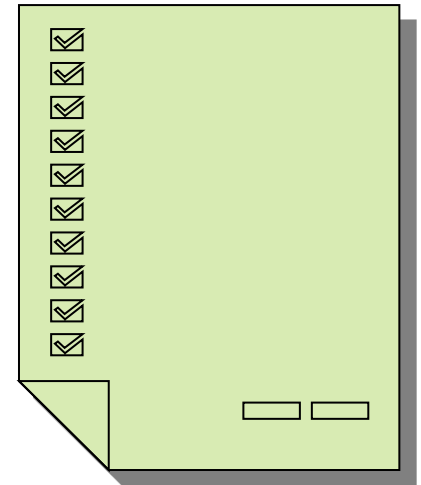
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# Waiver Service Templates

Proposed services are noted in standard templates based on the federal application and include the following key sections:

- Service Name or Alternative Service Title
- Service Definition
  - ✓ Overview or simplified description of service
  - ✓ Service Requirements
- Limits of service amount, frequency, or duration
- Service delivery method
  - ✓ Participant Directed (meaning service can be self-directed)
  - ✓ Provider Management (meaning DDA licensed provider)
- Provider Specifications
  - ✓ Type
  - ✓ Qualifications (license, certifications, others standards)



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# Service Groups

Waiver services have been grouped under one of the following areas:



## ➤ Employment and Day Services

## ➤ Support Services



- ✓ Behavioral Supports & Nursing Services
- ✓ Group #1 - *Assistive Technology, Remote Monitoring, Environmental Assessments, Environmental Modifications, & Vehicle Modification*
- ✓ **Group #2 – *Live-In Caregiver Rent, Community Personal Supports, Respite, Transition Services, & Transportation***

## ➤ Residential Services



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# Support Services Group #2 of 2

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|   | <b>Current Service Name</b> |   | <b>Proposed Service Name</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | Live-In Caregiver Rent      | 1 | Live-In Caregiver Rent       |
| 2 | Personal Supports           | 2 | Community Personal Supports  |
| 3 | Respite                     | 3 | Respite                      |
| 4 | Transition Services         | 4 | Transition Services          |
| 5 | Transportation Services     | 5 | Transportation Services      |



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Live-in Caregiver Rent

- ✓ Purpose is to pay the additional cost of that can be reasonably attributed to an unrelated live in personal caregiver who is residing in the same household with an individual
- ✓ *Caregiver* is defined as someone unrelated by blood or marriage that is providing supports and services in the individual's home
- ✓ Not available in situations in which the recipient lives in their family's home, the caregiver's home or a residence owned or leased by a DDA-licensed provider





# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Community Personal Supports

- ✓ Name and service changes
- ✓ Helps person, who live in their own homes, in acquiring the skills necessary to maximize their personal independence and to fully participate in community life
- ✓ Drop in individualized supports
- ✓ Delivered in a personalized manner
- ✓ Support independence and community engagement in which the participant wishes to be involved based on their personal resources



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Community Personal Supports

✓ Service includes:

- *Home skills development* (e.g. budgeting and money management, cooking, personal care, house cleaning and laundry)
- *Community integration and engagement skills development* needed to be part of a community (e.g. using public transportation, making and keeping medical appointments, attending social events, joining community organizations or clubs, any form of recreation or leisure activity, volunteering, and participating in organized worship or spiritual activities)
- *Personal assistance services*



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Community Personal Supports

- ✓ Personal assistance services available under the Medicaid State Plan will be transitioned to the Community First Choices program over an 18 month period
- ✓ Personal assistance services needed during *home skill and community integration and engagement skill development* will continue to be covered under Community Personal Supports



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Community Personal Supports

- ✓ Self-Directed services includes
  - *Retainer Fees* is available for 30 days per year when the person is unable to receive services during a hospitalization
  - Payment is allowable for *advertising* for employees and *staff training costs*



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Community Personal Supports

- ✓ A relative can provide services when documented in the person centered plan:
  1. Choice of provider truly reflects the individual's wishes and desires;
  2. The provision of services by the relative are in the best interests of the participant;
  3. The provision of service by the relative is appropriate and based on the participant's individual support needs
  4. The services provided by the relative will increase the participant's independence and community integration



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Community Personal Supports

- ✓ A relative can provide services when documented in the person centered plan (*continued*):
- 5. There are documented steps in the person centered plan that will be taken to *expand the participant's circle of support* so that they are able to maintain and improve their health, safety, independence, and level of community integration on an ongoing basis should the relative acting in the capacity of an employee can no longer be available; and
- 6. A *Supportive Decision Making (SDM) agreement* is established that identifies the people (beyond family members) who will support the participant in making her/his own decisions



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Community Personal Supports

✓ Limits include:

- A relative limited to 40-hours per week unless otherwise approved by the DDA
- Home skills development and community integration and engagement skills development combined service hours are limited to up to 36 hours per week
- Personal assistance services limited to 82 hours per week unless otherwise preauthorized by the DDA



# *Support Services Group #2 of 2*

## *Highlights*

### ➤ **Community Personal Supports**

- ✓ New provider license type
- ✓ Staff providing training on money management, time management and community resources must have performed training on these topics in the previous two (2) years





# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Respite

- ✓ Short-term care to relieve the family of daily caregiving responsibilities
  
- ✓ Respite can be provided in:
  1. the individual's own home
  2. the home of a respite care provider
  3. a licensed residential site
  4. State certified overnight or youth camps
  5. other settings and camps as approved by DDA



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Respite

- ✓ Services can be provided at an hourly or day rates
  - *Hourly rate for 8 hours or less*
  - *Day rate for over 8 hours daily*
  
- ✓ Respite services may not exceed 45 days or 360 hours within a twelve month period



# *Support Services Group #2 of 2*

## *Highlights*

### ➤ **Transition Services**

- ✓ Helps person with expenses related to moving and setting up a new home such as:
  - security deposits
  - cost of essential household furnishings
  - set-up fees or deposits for utility or service access
  - pest removal services and one-time cleaning
  - moving expenses
  - activities to assess need, arrange for and pay for transition services



# *Support Services Group #2 of 2*

## *Highlights*

➤ **Transition Services are available when:**

- ✓ Person is transitioning from an institutional setting
- ✓ Person is in a living arrangement that is owned or leased by a provider to a living arrangement in a private residence where the individual will be directly responsible for his or her own living expenses or another provider licensed site.



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Transition Services

- ✓ Assessment of ability to pay for expenses related to moving and setting up a new home and services from other sources
- ✓ From the list of allowable expenses, the individual or his or her designee will prioritize and select items purchased based on their preferences
- ✓ Items purchased belong exclusively to the individual and shall transfer with the individual to his or her new residence
- ✓ Expenses may not exceed \$5,000 per unless authorized by DDA



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Transportation Services

- ✓ Helps person access community activities such as:
  - *Orientation services* in using other senses or supports for safe movement from one place to another
  - *Mobility* such as transportation coordination and accessing resources
  - *Travel training* such as supporting the individual in learning how to access and utilize informal, generic, and public transportation for independence and community integration



# Support Services Group #2 of 2

## Highlights

### ➤ Transportation Services

- *Transportation services* provided by different modalities, including:
  - ❖ *public and community transportation*
  - ❖ *taxi services*
  - ❖ *transportation specific prepaid transportation cards*
  - ❖ *mileage reimbursement*
  - ❖ *volunteer transportation*
  - ❖ *non-traditional transportation providers*
- Purchase of prepaid transportation vouchers and cards such as the Charm Card and Taxi Cards



# *Support Services Group #2 of 2*

## *Highlights*

### ➤ **Transportation Services**

- ✓ Services are available to the individual living in their own home or in the individual's family home
- ✓ Limited to \$1400 per year per individual for people using traditional, non-self-directed DDA funded services
- ✓ For individuals self-directing their services, transportation to attend out of state conferences or training is limited up to \$450
- ✓ Specific certification requirements for orientation, mobility, and travel training





# Information and Input

➤ **DDA Website – Amendment #2**

- ✓ **Current and proposed services**

<http://dda.dhmfh.maryland.gov/Pages/Community-Pathways-Waiver-Amendment-2.aspx>



➤ **How to share input:**

- ✓ Complete input Survey (*links to be provided with webinars*)  
OR
- ✓ Mail comments to Attention: Amendment #2 - DDA 201  
West Preston Street Baltimore MD 21201

Comments  
Concerns  
Compliments



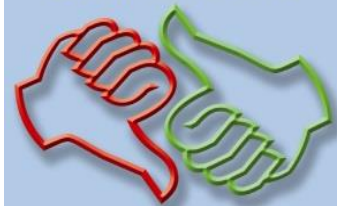
# Input Survey

- **Support Services Group #2** Survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SupportServicesPart2>



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# Next Steps

- DDA Proposed Draft Waiver Services Webinars— August – September 2016
- State review of comments and consideration for revisions – September 2016
- Identification of business processes and operational changes and strategies
- Announcement of final waiver service proposals
- 30 Public comment period

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# Reminders

- Proposed waiver services are in draft
- Share your input
- Proposed new services are not available now
- Rate study will influence rates



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# Questions

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