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# **ADULT AUTISM WAIVER PROVIDER INFORMATION TABLE**

Service Definitions, Rates,  
Procedure Codes & Qualifications

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## **INITIAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL ADULT AUTISM WAIVER (AAW) PROVIDERS**

**The following qualifications must be completed at initial enrollment and must be met by all providers for the duration of enrollment for AAW service provision.**

- Prior to starting the qualification process for the AAW, providers, not including Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), must complete the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Provider Applicant Orientation on MyODP.
  - AAW-only providers are required to complete pre-registration modules 1-5, while providers pursuing dual enrollment in the Consolidated, Community Living, or P/FDS waivers are required to complete pre-registration modules 1-6 and a face-to-face orientation.
  - Providers that are seeking enrollment in AAW that are already enrolled with another ODP waiver and have completed the Provider Applicant Orientation do not need to repeat modules 1-5 prior to starting the AAW qualification process.
- Prior to starting the AAW SCO qualification process, SCOs must complete the ODP SCO Orientation on MyODP.
- Have a signed Medical Assistance Provider Agreement and an approved ODP Waiver Provider Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications: ODP is responsible for provider qualification verification at least once during a 3-year monitoring cycle and more frequently when deemed necessary by ODP. New providers will go through qualification verification during the fiscal year following their enrollment and may be qualified more frequently depending on the last digit of their MPI number.**

<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Modifier Description</b>
<b>Assistive Technology</b>	Item	51 Home & Community Habitation	544 Assistive Technologies	T2028 (Specialized Supply)	SE: State & Federal Funding U2: Adult Autism Waiver
		55 Vendor	250 DME/Medical Supplies	T2029 (Specialized Medical Equipment)	

**Note:** Providers that meet the standards for Supports Coordination or Specialized Skill Development may subcontract with providers of Assistive Technology as an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDs). See Appendix A for procedure codes and policy on submitting an OHCDs Administrative Fee.

**Limitations:** Assistive technology devices costing \$750 or more must be recommended by an independent evaluation of the participant's assistive technology needs, including a functional evaluation of the impact of the provision of appropriate assistive technology and appropriate services to the participant on the customary environment of the participant. The independent evaluation must be conducted by a licensed physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech/language pathologist or a certified Assistive Technology professional as recognized by the Pennsylvania Initiative on Assistive Technology at the Institute on Disability at Temple University. The independent evaluator must be familiar with the specific type of technology being sought and may not be a related party to the Assistive Technology provider.

Maximum amount for this service is \$10,000 over a participant's lifetime.

**Service Definition:** An item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is necessary to increase, maintain, or improve a participant's communication, self-help, self-direction, and adaptive capabilities. Assistive Technology also includes items necessary for life support and durable and non-durable medical equipment not available under the Medicaid state plan. Assistive technology service includes activities that directly support a participant in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device, limited to:

- Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices for participants;
- Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing assistive technology devices;
- Coordination and use of necessary interventions or services with assistive technology devices, such as interventions or services associated with other services in the ISP;
- Training or technical assistance for the participant, or, where appropriate, the participant's family members, guardian, advocate, authorized representative, or other informal support on how to use and/or care for the Assistive Technology;
- Training or technical assistance for professionals or other individuals who provide services to the participant on how to use and/or care for the assistive technology;
- Extended warranties;
- Ancillary supplies and equipment necessary to the proper functioning of assistive technology devices, such as replacement batteries; and
- Independent evaluation as required for this service, if not available through the State Plan, other waiver services, or private insurance.

All items shall meet the applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation. If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development, Assistive Technology must be consistent with the participant's behavioral support plan, crisis intervention plan, and/or systematic skill building plan.

All items, pieces of equipment, or product systems must be used to meet a specific need of a participant. Items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant are excluded. Items designed for general use are covered only if they meet a participant's needs and are for the exclusive use of, or on behalf of, the participant. Assistive technology services will not be provided through the waiver if they can be provided through the State Plan, Medicare and/or private insurance plans until any limitation has been reached and assistive technology services cannot duplicate items covered under the State Plan.

**Provider Qualifications\*:** NOTE: When this service is delivered through an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) provider, the OHCDS provider is responsible to ensure that all subcontracted entities that will render the vendor service meet the qualification criteria specified for the service.

**Provider Type: Service Agency**

- Providers of waiver services will have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Providers that meet the standards for Supports Coordination or Specialized Skill Development may subcontract with providers of assistive technology as an Organized Health Care Delivery System as specified in Appendix I-3-g-ii.
- Providers shall meet the applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation for the items they provide under the waiver. Suppliers of medical equipment and supplies must meet the requirements for medical supplies providers specified in applicable State regulation.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Providers must demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.

**Provider Type: Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers**

- Suppliers of medical equipment and supplies must meet the requirements for Medicaid State Plan medical supplies providers specified in 55 PA Code Chapter 1123.
- Providers must demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.

**Provider Type: Independent Vendors**

- **License:** Trade appropriate.
- Providers shall meet the applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation for the items they provide under the waiver.
- Providers must demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.

<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Staffing</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>
<b>Career Planning: Vocational Assessment</b>	15 min	\$18.64	1:1	53 Employment - Competitive	530 Job Finding	W7071
<b>Career Planning: Job Finding</b>						W7077

**Limitations:** Vocational Assessment is a time-limited service requiring re-authorization every 90 days. Prior to the request for reauthorization, the ISP team will meet to clarify goals and expectations and review progress. ODP will review the reauthorization request and make a determination based on ODP policy. ODP may also recommend technical assistance to the provider or suggest the ISP team consider a change of provider.

Job Finding is a time-limited service requiring re-authorization every 90 days. Prior to the request for reauthorization, the ISP team will meet to clarify goals and expectations and review progress and the job finding strategy. ODP will review the reauthorization request and make a determination based on ODP policy. ODP may also recommend technical assistance to the provider or suggest the ISP team consider a change of provider.

Vocational Assessment may be authorized whenever the participant's circumstances or career goals change. Job Finding may be authorized if a placement ends or is determined unsatisfactory to the participant. As a part of determining if Job Finding should be reauthorized, ODP will consider the reasons that the placement did not work for the participant and what changes, if any, will need to be made in the type of placement or career choice.

Career Planning services may not be rendered under the waiver until it has been verified that the services are:

- Not available to the participant under a program funded by either the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) has closed the participant's case or has stopped providing services to the participant;
- It has been determined that OVR services are not available. If OVR has not made an eligibility determination within 120 days of the referral being sent, then OVR services are considered to not be available to the participant; or
- The participant is determined ineligible for OVR services.

A participant does not need to be referred to OVR if the participant is competitively employed and is seeking career planning services to find a new job, unless the purpose is job advancement which can be provided by OVR.

See ODP Bulletin 00-19-01, *OVR Referral Process for ODP-Employment Related Services*, for further guidance.

Federal Financial Participation is not claimed for incentive payments, subsidies or unrelated vocational training expenses such as the following:

1. Incentive payments made to an employer to encourage or subsidize the employer's participation in Career Planning services; or
2. Payments that are passed through to users of Career Planning services.

Career Planning does not include supports that allow a participant to continue paid work once it is obtained.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service. This service may be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

**Service Definition:** The Career Planning service provides support to the participant to identify a career direction; develop a plan for achieving competitive, integrated employment at or above the minimum wage; and obtain a job placement in competitive employment or self-employment. If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development services, the Career Planning service must be consistent with the participant's Behavioral Support and Crisis Intervention Plans and/or Systematic Skill Building Plan. Career Planning may be provided concurrent with Supported Employment, Day Habilitation or Small Group Employment if the participant wants to obtain a better job or different job while continuing paid work.

**1. Vocational Assessment** evaluates the participant's preferences, interests, skills, needs and abilities for the purpose of developing a Vocational Profile which is an inventory of actions, tasks or skill development that will position the participant to become competitively employed. The Vocational Profile also specifies restrictions as well as skills and needs of the participant that should be considered in the process of identifying an appropriate job placement, consistent with the participant's desired vocational outcome. It is specific to the participant and may be provided both directly to the participant and indirectly for the benefit of the participant.

Vocational Assessment includes:

- The discovery process, which includes but is not limited to identifying the participant's current preferences, interests, skills and abilities, including types of preferred and non-preferred work environments; ability to access transportation, with or without support; existing social capital (people who know the participant and are likely to be willing to help the participant) and natural supports which can be resources for employment. Discovery also includes review of the participant's work history.
- Community-based job try-outs or situational-vocational assessments.
- Identifying other experiential learning opportunities such as internships or short-term periods of employment consistent with the participant's skills and interests as appropriate for exploration, assessment and discovery.
- Facilitation of access to ancillary job-related programs such as Ticket to Work, including Ticket Outcome and Milestone payments, and work incentives programs, as appropriate.
- Facilitation of access to benefits counseling services provided by certified individuals.
- Development of a Vocational Profile that specifies recommendations regarding the participant's individual needs, preferences, abilities and the characteristics of an optimal work environment. The Vocational Profile must also specify the training or skill development necessary to achieve the participant's employment goals and which may be addressed by other related services in the participant's service plan.

Results of the Vocational Assessment service must be documented and incorporated into the participant's ISP and shared with members of the ISP team, as needed, to support the recommendations of the Vocational Assessment.

**2. Job Finding** is an individualized, outcomes-based service that provides assistance to the participant in developing or securing competitive integrated employment that fits the participant's needs and preferences and the employer's needs. The Job Finding service is provided to support participants to live and work successfully in home and community-based settings, as specified by the ISP, and to enable the participant to integrate more fully into the community while ensuring the health, welfare and safety of the participant. It is specific to the participant and may be provided both directly to the participant and indirectly to the employer, supervisor, co-workers and others involved in the participant's employment or self-employment for the benefit of the participant.

If the participant has received Vocational Assessment services and has a current Vocational Profile, the Job Finding service will be based on information obtained and recommendations included in the Vocational Profile, as applicable. Documentation of consistency between Job Finding activities and the Vocational Profile, if applicable, is required.

Job Finding includes (as needed by the participant):

- Prospective employer relationship-building/networking.
- Identifying potential employment opportunities consistent with the participant's Vocational Profile.
- Collaboration and coordination with the participant's natural supports in identifying potential contacts and employment opportunities.
- Job search.
- Support for the participant to establish an entrepreneurial or self-employment business, including identifying potential business opportunities, development of a business plan and identification of necessary ongoing supports to operate the business.
- Identifying and developing customized employment positions including job carving.
- Informational interviews with employers.
- Referrals for interviews.

- Support of the participant to negotiate reasonable accommodations and supports necessary for the individual to perform the functions of a job.

### **Provider Qualifications\*:**

#### **Agencies must meet the following standards:**

- Providers must demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Have automobile insurance for all automobiles owned, leased, and/or hired used as a component of the Career Planning service.

#### **Individual agency staff furnishing this service must:**

Staff working directly with the participant must have one of the following by 7/1/2021 or within **nine** months of hire if hired after 1/1/2021:

- Hold a Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) credential from the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE); or
- Have been awarded a Basic Employment Services Certificate of Achievement or a Professional Certificate of Achievement in Employment Services from an Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) organizational member that has ACRE-approved training.

Newly hired individuals who do not have the required certification when hired must work under the supervision of someone who is certified. This can occur for no longer than **nine** months from the date of hire to allow the new hire time to obtain the certification.

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Complete required training developed by the Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations (BSASP) for Employment/Vocational Services for people with autism spectrum disorders,
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training,
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of the review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.



<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>
<b>Community Transition Services</b>	Item	55 Vendor	551 Community Transition Services	T2038

**Note:** Providers that meet the standards for Supports Coordination may subcontract with providers of Community Transition Services as an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDs). See Appendix A for procedure codes and policy on submitting an OHCDs Administrative Fee.

**Limitations:** Limited to \$4,000 in a participant's lifetime. This limitation generally would not impact participants' health and welfare. This service is only authorized for participants who move from institutional settings into the community.

In the event that a participant would need community transition services beyond the limits in order to assure health and welfare, the Supports Coordinator based on appropriate documentation of need will convene an ISP meeting of the participant, and other team members to explore alternative resources to meet the participant's health and welfare as outlined in Appendix D.

**Service Definition:** Community Transition Services are non-recurring set-up expenses for individuals who are transitioning from an institution to private residence where the person is directly responsible for his or her living expenses. Institutions include ICF/IID, ICF/ORC, nursing facilities, correctional facilities, and psychiatric hospitals, including state hospitals, where the participant has resided for at least 90 consecutive days. Allowable expenses are those necessary to enable an individual to establish his or her basic living arrangement that do not constitute room and board. Furnishings and supplies may be purchased in Pennsylvania and states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

Community Transition Services are limited to the following:

- Essential furnishings and initial supplies (Examples: household products, dishes, chairs, and tables);
- Moving expenses;
- Security deposits or other such one-time payments that are required to obtain or retain a lease on an apartment or home;
- Set-up fees or deposits for utility or service access (Examples: telephone, electricity, heating); and
- Personal and environmental health and welfare assurances (Examples: pest eradication, allergen control, one-time cleaning prior to occupancy).

Community Transition Services are furnished only to the extent that they are reasonable and necessary as determined through the service plan development process; clearly identified in the service plan, and the person is unable to meet such expense, or when the services cannot be obtained from other sources. Community Transition Services do not include monthly rental or mortgage expense; food, regular utility charges; and/or household appliances or items that are intended for purely diversional/recreational purposes.

**Provider Qualifications\*:** NOTE: When this service is delivered through an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDs) provider, the OHCDs provider is responsible to ensure that all subcontracted entities that will render the vendor service meet the qualification criteria specified for the service.

**Agencies and individuals must meet the following standards:**

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Supports Coordination Organizations that meet the standards for the Supports Coordination Service may subcontract with providers of Community Transition Services as an Organized Health Care Delivery System as specified in Appendix I-3-g-ii as well as 55 Pa. § 6100.803.
- All individuals providing services must meet all local and state requirements for that service. All items and services shall be provided according to applicable state and local standards of manufacture, design, and installation.

Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Staffing	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code
Day Habilitation	15 min	\$3.34	>1:6	51 Home & Community Habilitation	514 Adult Training - 2380	W7063
		\$4.04	<1:6 – 1:3.5			W7064
		\$6.30	<1:3.5 – >1: 1			W7065
		\$12.39	1:1			W7066

**Limitations:** Total combined hours for Specialized Skill Development/Community Support, Day Habilitation, Supported Employment (Intensive Job Coaching direct and Extended Employment Supports direct), and Small Group Employment are limited to 50 hours in a calendar week. A participant whose needs exceed 50 hours a week must request an exception to the limit consistent with ODP policy.

A participant may not receive Day Habilitation services in a licensed Adult Training Facility for more than 75 percent of his or her support time, on average, per month.

A participant may request an exception to this limitation. The exception request must be submitted in writing to ODP by the participant's Supports Coordinator on behalf of the participant, using a form designated by ODP.

Day Habilitation may not be provided in a licensed Adult Training Facility that is newly funded on or after January 1, 2020 and serves more than 25 individuals in the facility at any one time including individuals funded through any source.

Beginning 1/1/23, Day Habilitation services may not be provided in any facility required to hold a 2380 license that serves more than 150 individuals at any one time including individuals funded through any source.

Day Habilitation may not be provided to a participant during the same hours that Supported Employment (when provided directly to the participant), Small Group Employment, quarter hourly-reimbursed Respite, or Specialized Skill Development/Community Support is provided.

Day Habilitation may not be provided in a licensed facility that enrolls on or after February 1, 2020 in a location that is adjacent to, attached to or located in the same building as any of the following regardless of the funding source of the individuals served:

- Hospital (medical or psychiatric).
- Skilled Nursing Facility (55 Pa. Code Chapters 201 through 211).
- Licensed public or private ICF/ID (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6600) or ICF/ORC.
- Licensed Child Residential Services (55 Pa. Code Chapter 3800).
- Licensed Community Residential Rehabilitation Services for the Mentally Ill (CRRS) (55 Pa. Code Chapter 5310).
- Licensed Personal Care Homes (55 Pa. Code Chapter 2600).
- Licensed Assisted Living Residences (55 pa. Code Chapter 2800).
- Unlicensed or Licensed Family Living Homes (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6500).
- Unlicensed or Licensed Community Homes for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Autism (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400).
- Licensed Adult Training Facilities (55 Pa. Code Chapter 2380).
- Licensed Vocational Facilities (55 Pa. Code Chapter 2390).
- Licensed Older Adult Daily Living Centers (6 Pa. Code Chapter 11).

**Service Definition:** Day Habilitation is provided in adult training facilities licensed under 55 PA Code Chapter 2380, which are settings other than the participant's private residence, and meet the federal requirements for HCBS settings. This service also includes day habilitation activities in general public community settings, which are non-disability specific settings and meet the federal requirements for HCBS settings. When provided in community locations, this service does not take place in licensed facilities, or any type of facility owned, leased or operated by a provider of other ODP services.

Day Habilitation provides individualized assistance with acquiring, retaining, and improving communication, socialization, self-direction, self-help, and adaptive skills necessary to reside in the community. The service is expected to help the participant develop and sustain a range of valued social roles and relationships; build natural supports; increase independence; and experience

meaningful community participation and inclusion. To achieve this, each participant must be offered opportunities and needed support to participate in community activities that are consistent with the individual's preferences, choices and interests.

This service includes:

- activities to improve the participant's capacity to perform activities of daily living (i.e., bathing, dressing, eating, mobility, and using the toilet) and instrumental activities of daily living (i.e., communication, survival skills, cooking, housework, shopping, money management, time management, and use of transportation);
- on-site modeling of behavior, behavior support, intensive behavior episode intervention, training, cueing, and/or supervision;
- planning and coordinating a participant's daily/weekly schedule for day habilitation services;
- personal assistance in completing activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living; and
- assistance with medication administration and the performance of health-related tasks to the extent state law permits.

The intent of this service, however, is to reduce the need for direct personal assistance by improving the participant's capacity to perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living independently.

This service also includes transportation to and from the facility and during day habilitation activities necessary for the individual's participation in those activities. The Day Habilitation provider is responsible to provide at least one complete meal, consistent with the individual's dietary needs, if the participant is at the facility for 4 or more hours. If a participant is at the facility for more than 6 hours, a nutritional snack shall also be provided.

Day Habilitation services must be necessary to achieve the expected outcomes identified in the participant's ISP. The Supports Coordinator must review this service at least quarterly, in conjunction with the participant, to assure that expected outcomes are met and to modify the ISP as necessary. The review must include an assessment of the participant's progress, identification of needs, and plans to address those needs. If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development services, this service includes implementation of the behavioral support plan (BSP), the crisis intervention plan (CIP) and/or the Systematic Skill Building plan (SBP). This service includes collecting and recording the data necessary to support review of the Individual Support Plan (ISP), the BSP and the SBP.

Day Habilitation is normally furnished for up to 6 hours a day, five days per week on a regularly scheduled basis. Day Habilitation does not include services that are funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education and Improvement Act.

Travel time to pick up and drop off the participant may not be billed as these costs are assumed in the rate for this service. Transporting the participant to and from activities integral to services provided during the Day Habilitation service day may be billed.

### ***Provider Qualifications\*:***

#### ***Agencies furnishing this service must:***

- Only qualified Adult Training Facilities holding a Title 55 Pa. Code Chapter 2380 license may enroll for this service.
- Providers must demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Facilities must have automobile insurance for all automobiles owned, leased, and/or hired used as a component of this service.

#### ***Individual agency staff furnishing this service must:***

- Be age 18 or older
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training and meet the requirements of 55 Pa. Code Chapter 2380.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least

two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of the review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Staffing	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code	Modifier Description	
Family Support	15 min	\$19.49	1:1	19 Psychologist	425 Autism Certified Psychologist	90846 (w/o Participant Present)	SE: State & Federal Funding	
						90847 (w/ Participant Present)		
				11 Mental Health/ Substance Abuse	421 Autism Social Worker	H0046		
								422 Autism Marriage and Family Counselor
								423 Autism Professional Counselor
424 Autism Counseling Agency								

**Limitations:** Maximum of 40 hours per year, with the year starting on the ISP authorization date. This limitation generally would not impact participant's health and welfare. In the event that Family Support services would be needed beyond the above limits in order to assure health and welfare, based on the family's request or provider assessment that additional services would be needed, the Supports Coordinator will convene an ISP meeting of the participant, and other team members to explore alternative resources to assure the participant's health and welfare through other supports and services as outlined in Appendix D.

**Service Definition:** This service provides counseling and training for the participant's unpaid family and informal network to help develop and maintain healthy, stable relationships among all members of the participant's unpaid informal network, including family members and the participant, in order to support the participant in meeting the goals in the participant's ISP. Family Support assists the participant's unpaid family and informal care network with developing expertise so that they can help the participant acquire, retain or improve skills that directly improve the participant's ability to live independently. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of coping skills, stress reduction, improved communication, and environmental adaptation by building upon family and informal care network strengths. The waiver may not pay for services for which a third party, such as the family members' health insurance, is liable.

The Family Support service does not pay for someone to attend an event or conference.

Family Support must be necessary to achieve the expected outcomes identified in the participant's ISP. The Family Support provider must update the Supports Coordinator at least monthly regarding progress toward the goals for the Family Support service. The Family Support provider must maintain monthly notes in the participant's file and have them available for review by ODP during monitoring. If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development/Behavioral Specialist Services, the Family Support provider must provide this service in a manner consistent with the participant's behavioral support plan and crisis intervention plan.

This service may be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

### **Provider Qualifications\*:**

#### **Agencies must meet the following standards:**

- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Providers must demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.

#### **Staff working for or contracted with agencies who provide training and counseling services must be licensed as one of the following:**

- Psychologist-Title 49 PA Code Chapter 41

- Social Worker-Title 49 PA Code Chapter 47
- Marriage and Family Therapist-Title 49 PA Code Chapter 48
- Professional Counselor-Title 49 PA Code Chapter 49
- Professional Counseling Agency – Title 49 PA Code Chapter 49

**Individual agency staff furnishing this service must:**

- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of the review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>
<b>Home Modifications</b>	Item	55 Vendor	543 Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	W7279

**Note:** Providers that meet the standards for Supports Coordination may subcontract with providers of Home Modifications as an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCD). See Appendix A for procedure codes and policy on submitting an OHCD Administrative Fee.

**Limitations:** This service is limited to no more than \$20,000 per participant over a 10-year consecutive period in the same home. The period begins with the first use of the Home Modifications services. A new \$20,000 limit can be applied when the participant moves to a new home or when the 10-year period expires. Exceptions to this limit may be considered based upon a needs assessment and require prior authorization by ODP consistent with ODP policy.

Home Modifications may not be provided in homes owned, rented or leased by a provider agency. Home Modifications costing over \$1,000 must be recommended by an independent evaluation of the participant's needs, including a functional evaluation of the impact of the modification on the participant's environment. This service does not include the independent evaluation. Depending on the type of modification, the evaluation may be conducted by an occupational therapist; a speech, hearing, and language therapist; a behavioral specialist; or another professional as approved in the ISP. The organization or professional providing the evaluation shall not be a related party to the Home Modifications provider.

**Service Definition:** These are physical modifications to the primary private residence of the participant (including homes owned or leased by parents/relatives with whom the participant resides and life sharing homes that are privately owned, rented, or leased by the host family). The modification(s) must be necessary to ensure the health, security of, and accessibility for the participant and/or to enable the participant to function with greater independence in the home. These modifications must be outlined in the participant's ISP. If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development/Behavioral Specialist Services, modifications must be consistent with the participant's behavioral support plan and crisis intervention plan.

Home modifications include the cost of installation, repair, maintenance, and extended warranties for the modifications; and when necessary to comply with rental/lease agreements, return of the property to its original condition.

All modifications must meet the applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation and shall be provided in accordance with applicable building codes. Repairs are only covered when it is more cost effective than replacing the modification.

The following are covered as modifications to a household subject to funding under the Waiver:

- Alarms and motion detectors on doors, windows, and/or fences;
- Brackets for appliances;
- Locks;
- Modifications needed to accommodate a participant's special sensitivity to sound, light or other environmental conditions;
- Outdoor gates and fences;
- Replacement of glass windowpanes with a shatterproof or break resistant material;
- Raised or lowered electrical switches and sockets;
- Widened doorways, landings, and hallways; or
- Modifications of bathroom facilities.

For home accessibility durable medical equipment used by participants with a mobility impairment to enter and exit their home or to support activities of daily living covered by medical assistance in the state plan (such as ramps, lifts, stair glides, handrails, and grab bars), Home Modifications shall only include the following:

- Extended warranties for the home accessibility durable medical equipment.
- Repairs needed as a result of the installation, use or removal of the home accessibility durable medical equipment or appliance.
- Any of the following required to install home accessibility durable medical equipment:

- Adding internal supports such that the support requires access to the area behind a wall or ceiling or underneath the floor to install home accessibility durable medical equipment.
- Constructing retaining walls or footers for a retaining wall if needed to install home accessibility durable medical equipment.
- Modifications to an existing deck.
- Widening a doorway.
- Upgrades to the home's electrical system.
- Demolition of drywall or flooring.

Home Modifications do not include modifications that:

- Are not specifically identified in the service definition.
- Are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant.
- Are not needed as a result of the participant's medical needs or disability.
- The family or caregiver would be expected to make for an individual without a disability.
- Are for general maintenance of the home.
- Are part of room and board.
- Have a primary benefit for a caregiver, staff person, family member, or the public at large.
- Are used in the construction of a new home or a new room in the home.
- Are durable medical equipment.

Adding total square footage to the home is excluded from this service, unless an adaptation to an existing bathroom is needed to complete the modification (e.g., necessary to configure a bathroom to accommodate a wheelchair).

This service may only be delivered in Pennsylvania.

***Provider Qualifications\****: NOTE: When this service is delivered through an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) provider, the OHCDS provider is responsible to ensure that all subcontracted entities that will render the vendor service meet the qualification criteria specified for the service.

***Agencies and individuals must meet the following standards:***

- Must have trade licenses as appropriate.
- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Agencies that meet the standards for Supports Coordination or Community Support may subcontract with providers of Home Modifications as an Organized Health Care Delivery System as specified in Appendix I-3-g-ii.
- Individuals providing this service shall meet all applicable state and local licensure requirements. All modifications shall meet applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation.
- Services shall be provided in accordance with applicable state and local building codes.



<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Staffing</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Modifier Description</b>
<b>Nutritional Consultation</b>	15 min	\$17.48	1:1	23 Nutritionist	230 Registered Nutritionist	S9470	SE: State & Federal Funding

**Service Definition:** Nutritional Consultation provides assistance to participants with an identified food allergy, food sensitivity, or a serious nutritional deficiency, which can include inadequate food and overeating. Nutritional Consultation assists the participant and/or their families and caregivers in developing a diet and planning meals that meet the participant's nutritional needs while avoiding any problem foods that have been identified by a physician.

Services are rendered according to a plan for nutritional consultation services based on an assessment of the participant's nutritional needs.

Telephone consultation is allowable a) if the driving distance between the provider and the participant is greater than 30 miles; b) if telephone consultation is provided according to a plan for nutritional consultation services based on an in-person assessment of the participant's nutritional needs; and c) if telephone consultation is indicated in the participant's service plan. If the participant receives Behavioral Specialist Services, the services delivered must be consistent with the participant's behavioral support plan and crisis intervention plan. This service does not include the purchase of food.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service.

This service may be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

### **Provider Qualifications\*:**

#### **Provider Type: Dietician-Nutritionist Agency**

- Staff providing this service must hold a state license in Pennsylvania (49 Pa. Code Chapter 21, subchapter G), or a license in the state where the service is provided.

#### **Agencies must meet the following standards:**

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.

#### **Provider Type: Individual Dietician-Nutritionist**

- Individual Dietitian-Nutritionists must be licensed in Pennsylvania (49 Pa. Code Chapter 21, subchapter G), or be licensed in the state where the service is provided.

#### **Individual staff providing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of the review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Staffing	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code
<b>Residential Habilitation: Community Home</b>	Day	\$153.52	Light	52 Community Residential Rehabilitation	521 Adult Residential - 6400	W7228
		\$215.54	Limited			W7229
		\$281.34	Extensive			W7230
		\$546.13	Intensive			W7231
		\$644.82	Intensive+			W7232
<b>Residential Habilitation: Community Home Ineligible</b> (State funded only Room & Board)		\$35.73	All staffing levels			W7233
<b>Residential Habilitation: Life Sharing Home</b>		\$165.06	Low	52 Community Residential Rehabilitation	522 Family Living Homes - 6500	W7052
		\$200.44	Medium			W7054
		\$235.81	High			W7053
<b>Residential Habilitation: Life Sharing Home Ineligible</b> (State Funded only Room & Board)		\$2.70	All staffing levels			W7234

**Note:** Residential Habilitation levels are based on the participant's assessed needs. It is the responsibility of the provider to set appropriate staffing levels to meet the participant's needs.

**Limitations:** Facility capacity is limited to two participants per Life Sharing Home.

Facility capacity is limited to four or fewer participants per Community Home. A setting that is a duplex, two bilevel units and two side-by-side apartments enrolled to provide waiver services on or after the effective date of 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6100 regulations shall not exceed a program capacity of 4 in both units.

A participant who is receiving Residential Habilitation services in a Community Home where that participant is the only person receiving services in that home may not also receive Specialized Skill Development/Community Support on the same day the participant is receiving Residential Habilitation (Community Home) consistent with ODP policy.

All residential habilitation settings in which Residential Habilitation Services are provided must be integrated and dispersed in the community in noncontiguous locations, and may not be located on campus settings. To meet this requirement, the location of each residential habilitation setting must be separate from any other ODP-funded residential habilitation setting and must be dispersed in the community and not surrounded by other ODP-funded residential habilitation settings. Locations that share only one common party wall are not considered contiguous. Residential habilitation settings where Residential Habilitation services are provided should be located in the community and surrounded by the general public. New residential habilitation settings or changes to existing residential habilitation settings must be approved by ODP or its designee utilizing the ODP residential habilitation setting criteria.

Residential Habilitation may not be provided in a home enrolled on or after the effective date of 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6100 regulations that is adjacent to any of the following regardless of the funding source of the individuals served:

- Licensed public and private (ICF/ID) (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6600) or ICF/ORC.
- Licensed Personal Care Homes (55 Pa. Code Chapter 2600).
- Licensed Assisted Living Residences (55 Pa. Code Chapter 2800).
- Licensed Adult Training Facilities (55 Pa. Code Chapter 2380).
- Licensed Vocational Facilities (55 Pa. Code Chapter 2390).
- Licensed Older Adult Daily Living Centers (6 Pa. Code Chapter 11).

Exceptions are allowed for Residential Service locations to share one common party wall with one other Residential Service location funded through ODP's waivers in the form of a duplex, two bilevel units, and two side-by-side apartments. This exception does not extend to Residential Service locations that are not funded through ODP's waivers.

Settings enrolled on or after the effective date of the Chapter 6100 regulations shall not be located in any development or building where more than 25% of the apartments, condominiums or townhouses have waiver funded Residential Habilitation being provided.

**Service Definition:** Residential habilitation assists individuals in acquiring, retaining, and improving the communication, socialization, self-direction, self-help, and adaptive skills necessary to reside in the community when services provided in a more integrated setting cannot meet the participant's health and safety needs. This service also includes any necessary assistance in performing activities of daily living (i.e., bathing, dressing, eating, mobility, and using the toilet) and instrumental activities of daily living (i.e., communication, survival skills, cooking, housework, shopping, money management, time management, and use of transportation). The intent of this service, however, is to reduce the need for direct personal assistance by improving the participant's capacity to perform these tasks independently.

This service includes the supports necessary to address the participant's goals as documented in the participant's ISP to enable the participant to:

1. Carry out activities of daily living such as personal grooming and hygiene, dressing, making meals and maintaining a clean environment.
2. Develop and maintain positive interactions and relationships with residents of the home and share meals and activities, as appropriate.
3. Learn and develop practices that promote good health and wellness such as nutritious meal planning, regular exercise, carrying out prescribed therapies and exercises, awareness and avoidance of risk including environmental risks, exploitation or abuse; responding to emergencies in the home and community such as fire or injury; knowing how and when to seek assistance.
4. Manage or participate in management of medical care including scheduling and attending medical appointments, filling prescriptions and self-administration of medications, and keeping health logs and records.
5. Manage his or her emotional wellness including self-management of emotional stressors and states such as disappointment, frustration, anxiety, anger, depression, and access mental health services.
6. Participate in, and when preferred, direct the person-centered planning process.
7. Develop or expand decision making skills, including identifying options/choices and evaluating options/choices against personal preferences and desired goals. This includes assistance with identifying supports available within the community.
8. Promote financial stability through management of personal resources, general banking and balancing accounts, record keeping, managing savings accounts and participating in programs such as ABLE accounts.
9. Communicate with providers, caregivers, family members, friends and others face-to-face and through the use of the telephone, correspondence, the internet, and social media, consistent with the participant's preferences. The service may require knowledge and use of sign language or interpretation for participants whose primary language is not English.
10. Be mobile by assisting him or her with using a range of transportation options including buses, trains, cab services, driving, and joining car pools, etc.
11. Develop and manage relationships with other residents of the same home and, as appropriate, share responsibilities for shared routines such as preparing meals, eating together, carrying out routine home maintenance such as light cleaning, planning and scheduling shared recreational activities and other typical household routines, resolving differences and negotiating solutions.
12. Develop and maintain relationships with members of the broader community and to manage problematic relationships.
13. Exercise rights as a citizen and fulfill his or her civic responsibilities such as voting and serving on juries; attending public community meetings; to participate in community projects and events with volunteer associations and groups; to serve on public and private boards, advisory groups, and commissions, as well as develop confidence and skills to enhance his or her contributions to the community.
14. Develop personal interests such as hobbies, appreciation of music, and other experiences the participant enjoys or may wish to explore.
15. Participate in preferred activities of community life such as shopping or going to restaurants, museums, movies, concerts and faith-based services.

This service includes transportation to community activities not included in the Medicaid State Plan or other services in this waiver. Those transportation costs are built into the rate for this service.

To the extent that Residential Habilitation is provided in community settings outside of the residence, those settings must be inclusive in the community rather than segregated.

Residential Habilitation does not include payment for room or board.

Residential Habilitation services must be necessary to achieve the expected outcomes identified in the participant's ISP. Prior to Residential Habilitation services being authorized, the SC, in collaboration with the ISP team, must justify the need for Residential Habilitation services by completing a Residential Habilitation Request Form. This process is designed to ensure that services are provided in the most integrated environment.

Residential Habilitation providers must ensure that each participant has the right to the following:

1. To receive scheduled and unscheduled visitors and to communicate and meet privately with individuals of their choice at any time.
2. To send and receive mail and other forms of communication, unopened and unread by others.
3. To have unrestricted and private access to telecommunications.
4. To manage and access his or her own finances.
5. To choose any individual with whom they will be sharing a bedroom.
6. To furnish and decorate his or her bedroom and the common areas of the home.
7. To lock his or her bedroom door.
8. To decide what and when to eat and have access to food at any time.
9. To make informed health care decisions.

When any of these rights are modified, the modification must be supported by a specific assessed need, agreed upon by the ISP team and justified in the ISP. When any of these rights are modified due to requirements in a court order, the modification must be included in the ISP and must be followed.

The Residential Habilitation provider shall ensure that a room and board residency agreement, on a form specified by ODP, is executed annually. The provider is responsible to provide a copy of the agreement to the participant's assigned Supports Coordinator annually.

The Supports Coordinator must review this service at least quarterly, in conjunction with the participant, to assure that expected outcomes are met and to modify the ISP as necessary. The review must include an assessment of the participant's progress, identification of needs, and plans to address those needs.

Residential Habilitation is provided in a licensed facility not owned by the participant or a family member. Residential Habilitation is provided in two types of licensed facilities:

- Community Homes for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Autism (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400): A licensed Community Home is a home where services are provided to individuals with an intellectual disability or autism. A community home is defined in regulations as, "A building or separate dwelling unit in which residential care is provided to one or more individuals with an intellectual disability or autism" and
- Family Living Homes licensed under Title 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6500.

If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development services, this service includes implementation of the behavioral support plan (BSP), the crisis intervention plan (CIP), and/or the Systematic Skill Building plan (SBP). Residential Habilitation includes collecting and recording the data necessary to support review of the ISP, the BSP, and the SBP.

Residential Habilitation services must be delivered in Pennsylvania.

**Provider Qualifications\*:** Only licensed service agencies (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400, Community Homes, or 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6500, Life Sharing Homes) may enroll for this service.

**Agencies must meet the following standards:**

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania.

**Individual staff providing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Be age 18 or older.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training, and meet all requirements of the applicable regulations (Chapter 6400 or 6500).
- Have criminal history clearances per 35 P.S. § 10225.101 et seq. and 6 Pa. Code Chapter 15. If the criminal history clearance results identify a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:
  - The nature of the crime;
  - Facts surrounding the conviction;
  - Time elapsed since the conviction;
  - The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
  - The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Staffing</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>
<b>Respite – In-Home</b>	15 min	1:1	\$9.60	51 Home & Community Habilitation	512 Respite Care – Home Based	W7213
<b>Respite – Licensed Out-of-Home</b>	Day	All staffing levels	\$280.06	51 Home & Community Habilitation	513 Respite Care – Out of Home	W7211
	15 min		\$7.00			W7212
<b>Respite – Unlicensed Out-of-Home</b>	Day	All staffing levels	\$214.64	51 Home & Community Habilitation	513 Respite Care – Out of Home	W9495
	15 min		\$5.37			W9596

**Limitations:** Expenditure for Respite is limited to 30 times the day unit rate for respite in a licensed facility per year, with the year starting on the ISP plan effective date. The participant may receive both hourly and daily respite during the year as long as the amount of respite does not exceed the amount approved on the participant's ISP. In the event that respite services would be needed beyond the above limits in order to assure health and welfare, an exception to this limit may be requested. In this situation, the SC will convene an ISP meeting of the participant and other team members within 5 business days of the need for an exception being identified to assure the participant's health and welfare through other supports and services, including requesting an exception to the limitation on respite services.

Respite services (15 minute unit services only) may not be provided at the same time that Community Support, Day Habilitation, Supported Employment (when provided directly to the participant), or Small Group Employment is provided. This service does not include room and board when delivered in the participant's home. Federal financial participation is not claimed for the cost of room and board except when provided as part of respite care furnished in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service. This service may be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

**Service Definition:** Respite provides planned or emergency short-term relief to a participant's unpaid caregiver when the caregiver is temporarily unavailable to provide supports due to non-routine circumstances. Respite may be delivered in the participant's home, a home controlled by a provider that does not require a license in accordance with 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400.3, a private home of staff of a Respite provider, a home owned by a Respite agency provider, Family Living home (Title 55 Pa Code Chapter 6500), or Community Home (Title 55 PA Code Chapter 6400). Respite may also be provided in general public community settings such as parks, libraries, museums and stores. Respite may be provided either in or out of the participant's home. Respite services facilitate the participant's social interaction, use of natural supports and typical community services available to all people, and participation in volunteer activities.

This service includes activities to improve the participant's capacity to perform activities of daily living (i.e., bathing, dressing, eating, mobility, and using the toilet) and instrumental activities of daily living (i.e., communication, survival skills, cooking, housework, shopping, money management, time management, and use of transportation). Respite includes on-site modeling of behavior, behavior support, intensive behavior episode intervention, training, cueing, and/or supervision. To the degree possible, the respite provider must maintain the participant's schedule of activities. If the participant receives Behavioral Specialist Services, this service includes implementation of the behavioral support plan and, if necessary, the crisis intervention plan. The service includes collecting and recording the data necessary to support review of the Individual Support Plan and the behavioral support plan.

Respite is provided as follows:

- In the participant's home or out of the home in units of 15 minutes. Intended to provide short-term respite. Respite does not include room and board when provided in the participant's home.
- Out of the home in units of a day which is defined as 10 or more hours of out of home respite. Intended to provide overnight respite. Respite services when provided outside the home include room and board.

**Provider Qualifications\*:** When Respite is provided in a residential or family setting in Pennsylvania, proof of the following licensure must be provided when applicable:

- 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400 when Respite is provided in Community Homes for people with intellectual disabilities or autism;
- 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6500 when Respite is provided in Family Living Homes;
- 55 Pa. Code Chapter 5310 when Respite is provided in licensed Community Residential Rehabilitation Services for the Mentally Ill Home.

**Agencies must meet the following standards:**

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.

**Individual staff providing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Be age 18 or older.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.



Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Staffing	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code
Small Group Employment	15 min	\$3.17	<1:6 ->1:3.5	51 Home & Community Habitation	516 Transitional Work Services	W0012
		\$4.66	<1:3.5 - >1:1			W0011

**Limitations:** Total combined hours for Specialized Skill Development/Community Support, Day Habilitation, Supported Employment (Intensive Job Coaching, Direct and Extended Employment Supports, Direct) and Small Group Employment services are limited to 50 hours in a calendar week. A participant whose needs exceed 50 hours a week must request an exception to the limit consistent with ODP policy.

Small Group Employment may not be provided at the same time that quarter hourly-reimbursed Respite, Day Habilitation, Community Support, or Supported Employment service (when provided directly to the participant) is provided.

Federal Financial Participation is not claimed for incentive payments, subsidies or unrelated vocational training expenses such as the following:

- Incentive payments made to an employer to encourage or subsidize the employer's participation in Small Group Employment services; or
- Payments that are passed through to users of Small Group Employment services.

**Service Definition:** Small Group Employment services are direct services that provide community employment opportunities in which the participant is working alongside other people with disabilities. The intent of this service is to support individuals in the acquisition of knowledge, skills and experiences that lead to competitive integrated employment, including self-employment. Small Group Employment occurs in a location other than a facility subject to 55 Pa. Code Chapter 2380 or Chapter 2390 regulations such as an integrated industry, business or community setting. Small Group Employment does not include Supported Employment services. Participants must be paid at least minimum wage and the compensation must be similar to compensation earned by workers without disabilities performing the same work.

Small Group Employment options include: mobile work force, workstation in industry, affirmative industry, and enclave. Each of these options are delivered in integrated business, industry or community settings that do not isolate participants from others in the setting who do not have disabilities. Services must be provided in a manner that promotes engagement in the workplace and interaction between participants and people without disabilities including co-workers, supervisors, and customers, if applicable. Small Group Employment is only billable when supporting the participant during the time that he or she is working and receiving wages through one of these service options or during transportation to a work site.

1. A Mobile Work Force uses teams of individuals, supervised by a training/job supervisor, who conduct service activities away from an agency or facility. The provider agency contracts with an outside organization or business to perform maintenance, lawn care, janitorial services, or similar tasks and the individuals are paid by the provider.
2. A Work Station in Industry involves individual or group training of individuals at an industry site. Training is conducted by a provider training/job supervisor or by a representative of the industry, and is phased out as the individual(s) demonstrate job expertise and meet established work standards. A Work Station in Industry is an employment station arranged and supported by a provider within a community business or industry site, not within a licensed facility site. An example would be three seats on an assembly line within a computer chip assembly factory. The provider has a contract with the business to ensure that those three seats are filled by adults that they support.
3. Affirmative Industry is a business that sells products or services where at least 51% of the employees do not have a disability. Supervisory personnel and staff of providers who are paid to render the Small Group Employment service cannot be counted in the percentage of employees who do not have a disability.
4. Enclave is a business model where a small group of participants is employed by a business/industry to perform specific job functions while working alongside workers without disabilities.

Small Group Employment includes supporting the participant with personal care needs that cannot, or would be inappropriate to, be provided with the support from coworkers or other natural supports.

The service includes transportation that is an integral component of the service, for example, transportation to a work site.

Small Group Employment must be necessary to achieve the expected outcomes identified in the participant's ISP. The Supports Coordinator must review this service at least quarterly, in conjunction with the participant, to assure that expected outcomes are met, to ensure the participant is aware of employment options, and to modify the ISP as necessary. The review must include an assessment of the participant's progress, identification of needs, and plans to address those needs. It is the participant and services provider's responsibility to notify the SC of any changes in the employment activities and to provide the SC with copies of the referenced evaluation.

If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development services, this service includes implementation of the behavioral support plan (BSP), the crisis intervention plan (CIP) and/or the Systematic Skill Building plan (SBP). The service includes collecting and recording the data necessary to support review of the ISP, BSP, and the SBP.

Small Group Employment may be provided without referring a participant to OVR as OVR does not provide Small Group Employment.

### **Provider Qualifications\*:**

#### **Agencies must meet the following standards:**

- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry general commercial liability insurance, professional liability errors and omission insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Have automobile insurance for all automobiles owned, leased and/or hired used as a component of this service.

#### **Individual staff providing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

**Staff working directly with the participant must have one of the following by 7/1/2021 or within nine months of hire if hired after 1/1/2021:**

- Hold a Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) credential from the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE); or
- Have been awarded a Basic Employment Services Certificate of Achievement or a Professional Certificate of Achievement in Employment Services from an Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) organizational member that has ACRE-approved training.

Newly hired individuals who do not have the required certification when hired must work under the supervision of someone who is certified. This can occur for no longer than nine months from the date of hire to allow the new hire time to obtain the certification.

- Be age 18 or older.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and required annual training.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Staffing	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code
<b>Specialized Skill Development: Behavioral Specialist</b>	Unit (Develop Plan, FBA)	\$1,750.61	1:1	51 Home & Community Habilitation	420 Autism Behavioral Specialist	96156
	15 min	\$21.88	1:1			96159: Direct Service
						96171: Consultation
<b>Specialized Skill Development: Community Support</b>	15 min	\$11.54	1:1	51 Home & Community Habilitation	510 Home & Community Habilitation	W7201
		\$6.23	1:2			W7204
		\$4.46	1:3			W7205
<b>Specialized Skill Development: Systematic Skill Building</b>	Unit (Plan Develop, SBP)	\$610.82	1:1	51 Home & Community Habilitation	427 Systematic Skill Building	W7214
	15 min (Ongoing)	\$17.61				W7215
	15 min (Consult)					W7216

**Limitations:** Behavioral Specialist, Systematic Skill Building, and Community Support may be furnished in a participant's home and at other community locations, such as libraries or stores. This service may also be delivered in an acute care hospital, when the participant is hospitalized and as described below.

Behavioral Specialist, Systematic Skill Building, or Community Support services may be delivered in an acute care hospital in accordance with Section 1902(h) of the Social Security Act, when the services are:

- Identified in a participant's service plan;
- Provided to meet needs of the participant that are not met through the provision of hospital services;
- Designed to ensure smooth transitions between the hospital and home and community-based settings, and to preserve the participant's functional abilities; and
- Not a substitute for services that the hospital is obligated to provide through its conditions of participation or under Federal or state law, or under another applicable requirement.

Systematic Skill Building or Community Support services can only be provided in an acute care hospital setting to assist the participant with one or more of the following:

- Communication;
- Intensive personal care; or
- Behavioral support/behavioral stabilization as enumerated in the behavioral support plan.

Behavioral Specialist services can only be provided in an acute care hospital setting to assist the participant with one or more of the following:

- Communication; or
- Behavioral support/behavioral stabilization as enumerated in the behavioral support plan.

Total combined hours for Community Support, Day Habilitation, Supported Employment (Intensive Job Coaching, Direct and Extended Employment Supports, Direct) and Small Group Employment are limited to 50 hours in a calendar week. Exceptions to this limit may be considered based upon a needs assessment and require prior authorization by the BSASP consistent with ODP policy.

Community Support may not be provided at the same time that 15-minute Respite, Day Habilitation, Small Group Employment, or Supported Employment services (when provided directly to the participant) are provided.

A participant who is receiving Residential Habilitation services in a Community Home where that participant is the only person receiving services in that home may not also receive Specialized Skill Development/Community Support on the same day the

participant is receiving Residential Habilitation (Community Home) consistent with ODP policy.

**Service Definition:** Specialized Skill Development (SSD) is used to address challenges participants may have because of limited social skills, perseverative behaviors, rigid thinking, difficulty interpreting cues in the natural environment, limited communication skills, impaired sensory systems, or other reasons. SSD uses specialized interventions to increase adaptive skills for greater independence, enhance community participation, increase self-sufficiency and replace or modify challenging behaviors. The intent of SSD is also to reduce the need for direct personal assistance by improving the participant's capacity to perform tasks independently. Supports focus on positive behavior strategies that incorporate a proactive understanding of behavior and skill-building, not aversive or punishment strategies. Services are based on individually-tailored plans developed by people with expertise in behavioral supports and independent living skills development.

Three levels of support are included:

### **A. Behavioral Specialist Services (BSS)**

BSS provides specialized interventions that assist a participant to increase adaptive behaviors to replace or modify challenging behaviors of a disruptive or destructive nature that prevent or interfere with the participant's inclusion in home and family life or community life. The BSS promotes consistent implementation of the Behavioral Support Plan (BSP) and Crisis Intervention Plan (CIP) across environments and across people with regular contact with the participant, such as family, friends, neighbors and other providers. Consistency is essential to skill development and reduction of problematic behavior. BSS includes both the development of an initial BSP and ongoing behavioral supports.

- **Initial BSP Development** includes the following activities carried out by the qualified Behavioral Specialist:
  - Conducts a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) of behavior and its causes, and an analysis of assessment findings of the behavior(s) to be targeted so that an appropriate BSP may be designed;
  - Develops an individualized, comprehensive BSP that includes positive practices and least restrictive interventions to be used by people coming into contact with the participant to increase and improve the participant's adaptive behaviors. The BSP may not include chemical or mechanical restraints. The BSP may not include physical restraints as behavioral interventions. Physical restraints may only be utilized in accordance with 55 Pa. Code §§6100.348 and 6100.349 in the case of an emergency or crisis to prevent a participant from immediate physical harm to the participant or others. BSPs that include restrictive procedures must be approved by a human rights team prior to implementation. ODP expects that, regardless of the number of providers supporting a participant, continuity of care will be maintained through ongoing team communication and collaboration. Ideally, there should be one BSP for the participant that is integrated and comprehensive and incorporates support strategies for all environments. If there is more than one Behavioral Specialist working with the participant, the BSP can reflect joint authorship;
  - Develops the BSP within 60 days of the start date of the BSS;
  - Develops a CIP that will identify how crisis intervention support will be available to the participant, how the Supports Coordinator (SC) and other appropriate waiver service providers will be kept informed of the precursors of the participant's challenging behavior, and the procedures/interventions that are most effective to deescalate the challenging behaviors;
  - Enters the BSP and the CIP into HCSIS; and
  - Upon completion of plan development, meets with the participant, family members, SC, other providers, and employers to explain the BSP and the CIP to ensure all parties understand the plans.
  - The BSP justifies necessary levels of BSS. ODP reviews the amount of direct and consultative service requested before authorization to ensure it is appropriate given the needs identified.
- **Ongoing Support** can occur both before and after the completion of the BSP. If the participant needs behavioral support before the BSP and CIP are developed, the SC may submit a request to ODP for ongoing support to be provided during plan development. This service may be furnished in a participant's home and at other community locations.
  - **Direct supports include:**
    - Support of and consultation with the participant to help them understand the purpose, objectives, methods, and documentation of the BSP, evaluate the effectiveness of the BSP and review recommended revisions;
    - Crisis intervention supports provided directly to the participant in response to a behavioral episode that manifests with acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that a prudent layperson, could reasonably expect that the absence of immediate intervention will result in placing the participant and/or the persons around the participant in serious jeopardy including imminent risk of institutionalization or place the participant at imminent risk of incarceration or result in the imminent damage to valuable property by the participant.

- Consultative supports include:

- Support of family members, friends, waiver providers, other support providers, and employers to help them understand the purpose, objectives, methods of implementation, and how progress of the BSP is collected and documented and to understand any revisions that have been made to the plan which have previously been agreed upon with the participant;
- Monitoring and analyzing data collected during the BSP implementation based on the goals of the BSP;
- If necessary, modification of the BSP or the CIP, possibly including a new FBA, based on data analysis of the plans implementation; and
- Crisis intervention supports provided to informal or formal caregivers in response to a behavioral episode that manifests with acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that a prudent layperson, could reasonably expect that the absence of immediate intervention will result in placing the participant and/or the persons around the participant in serious jeopardy including imminent risk of institutionalization or place the participant at imminent risk of incarceration or result in the imminent damage to valuable property by the participant.

The SSD provider must have a Behavioral Specialist available for crisis intervention support 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. The Behavioral Specialist on call for crisis response and the SC must have access to the participant's CIP. The SC is responsible for ensuring that the participant's BSP and CIP are consistent with the participant's ISP, and will reconvene the planning team if there are any discrepancies. When a BSP or CIP is revised, the Behavioral Specialist must update the BSP and CIP in HCSIS and notify the participant and representative, if applicable, the SC, and all providers responsible for implementing the plan of the changes that were made to the BSP or CIP.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service.

## **B. Systematic Skill Building (SSB)**

SSB uses evidence-based methods to help the participant acquire skills that promote independence and integration into the community, which are not behavioral in focus. While SSB develops a Skill Building Plan (SBP) based on the participant's goals, the person providing SSB is not the primary implementer of that Plan. People who provide other supports such as Community Support, Supported Employment, Day Habilitation or Residential Habilitation are primarily responsible for implementation of the SBP. Other people with regular contact with the participant – such as family, friends, neighbors and employers – may also implement the SBP to ensure consistent application of the approach determined most effective for that participant's skill acquisition. Aligning paid and natural supports in using the same SBP also promotes generalization of skills across different environments, often a challenge for individuals with ASD. Possible skills include how to cook or use public transportation.

**1. SBP Development** includes the following activities carried out by the qualified Skill Building provider:

- Conducts an evaluation of the participant's abilities and learning style that is related to goals in the ISP. The evaluation may include the participant's history with skill acquisition as well as identification of the participant's baseline skills.
- Within 60 days of the start date of SSB, a SBP must be developed to address objectives that are aligned with the goals of SSB. The SBP should be informed by Applied Behavior Analysis and use techniques such as backward and forward chaining, prompting, fading, generalization and maintenance to develop adaptive skills and promote consistency of instructional methods across environments. The SBP includes benchmarks for assessing progress. A participant's SBP may address multiple skills, as appropriate to address different goals or objectives.
- The SBP justifies necessary levels of SSB services. ODP reviews the amount of direct and consultative service requested before authorization to ensure it is appropriate given the needs identified.
- Upon completion of the initial SBP, meets with the participant, family, SC, and other providers to explain the SBP to ensure all parties understand the plan, how to implement it, how to collect necessary data for evaluating effectiveness, and the importance of its consistent application.

**2. Ongoing Support:** Upon completion of the initial SBP, the SSB provider provides direct and consultative supports. This service may be furnished in a participant's home and at other community locations.

- Direct supports include:
  - Support of and consultation with the participant to help them understand the purpose, objectives, methods, and documentation of the SBP and review recommended revisions;
  - Direct interaction or observation of the participant to evaluate progress and the need to revise the SBP or its objectives.

- Consultative supports include:
  - Support of family members, friends, waiver providers, other support providers, and employers to help them understand the purpose, objectives, methods, and documentation of the SBP and to understand any revisions that have been made to the plan which have previously been agreed upon with the participant;
  - Monitoring and analyzing data collected during implementation of the SBP based on the goals of the SBP;
  - Modifying and revising the SBP.

\*Note: This support can be provided with or without the participant present. If support is being provided to others with the participant present, the provider should bill the direct component of this service. If the support is being provided to others without the participant present, the provider should bill the consultative component of this service. The provision of Systematic Skill Building can be provided at the same time as a waiver service that is responsible for implementing the Skill Building Plan.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service.

### **C. Community Support**

Community Support assists participants in acquiring, retaining, and improving communication, socialization, self-direction, self-help, and other adaptive skills necessary to reside in the community. Community Support facilitates social interaction; use of natural supports and typical community services available to all people; and participation in education and volunteer activities. Community Support includes activities that improve capacity to perform activities of daily living (i.e., bathing, dressing, eating, mobility, and using the toilet) and instrumental activities of daily living (i.e., communication, survival skills, cooking, housework, shopping, money management, time management, and use of transportation). Community Support may include personal assistance in completing activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living as an incidental component.

Community Support must be necessary to achieve the expected goals and objectives identified in the participant's ISP. It may include implementation of the BSP, the CIP and/or the SBP and collecting and recording the data necessary in order to evaluate progress and the need for revisions to the plan(s). Community Support may be provided at three staff-to-participant levels:

- 1:3
- 1:2
- 1:1

The lower staffing level options should be used to allow flexibility in the level of support at times when two or three participants who share the same SSD/Community Support provider are engaged in the same activity. The staffing level is determined by the participant's need for support. One to one support is still available at those times when the participant's needs warrant it, or if the group activity is with participants using different providers. This service is provided primarily in private homes and in unlicensed, community-based settings.

Transporting participants may be billed by the provider as a discrete unit only when the participant is in the vehicle and the travel is integral to the delivery of the service.

### ***Provider Qualifications\*:***

#### ***Agencies must meet the following standards:***

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.

#### ***Individual agency staff providing the Behavioral Specialist service must meet the following qualifications:***

- Have a Pennsylvania Behavior Specialist License OR
- A Master's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, Education, or Applied Behavior Analysis OR
- A Master's Degree with 50% or more coursework in Applied Behavior Analysis OR
- A Master's Degree in a human services field related to Social Work, Psychology or Education (and is housed in the institution's Department or School of Social Work, Psychology, or Education) with 33% or more coursework in Applied Behavior Analysis.

- Complete training in conducting and using a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) and in positive behavioral support. The training must be provided by either the BSASP or by an accredited college or university. If this training was not provided by the BSASP, ODP must review and approve the course description.
- Complete required training developed by BSASP for Specialized Skill Development (SSD): Behavioral Specialist Services for people with autism spectrum disorders.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- If transporting a participant, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.

**Individual agency staff providing the Systematic Skill Building service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Have at least a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, Education, or a human services field related to Social Work, Psychology or Education or at least a Bachelor's Degree in another field and 3 or more years' experience directly supporting individuals with ASD in the community;
- Complete required training developed by BSASP for SSD: Systematic Skill Building services for people with autism spectrum disorders.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.

**Individual agency staff providing the Community Support service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Be at least 18 years old.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.
- Have at least a high school degree or equivalent.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.

**All individual agency staff providing Specialized Skill Development (Behavioral Specialist, Systematic Skill Building, and Community Support) must:**

- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Staffing</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>
<b>Supported Employment: Intensive Job Coaching</b>	15 min	\$18.64	1:1	53 Employment – Competitive	531 Job Support	W7200 (Direct)
						W7207 (Indirect)
<b>Supported Employment: Extended Employment Supports</b>			1:1			W7206 (Direct)
						W7202 (Indirect)

**Limitations:** Intensive Job Coaching may be authorized every 6 months for a total of 18 consecutive months.

Extended Employment Supports may be authorized up to a maximum of 416 hours per year, with the year starting on the ISP authorization date.

Supported Employment services cannot be provided in facilities that are not a part of the general workplace.

Providers of Supported Employment services may not also be the employer of the participant to whom they provide Supported Employment.

Supported Employment does not include payment for supervision, training, support and adaptations typically available to other workers without disabilities filling similar positions in the workplace.

The total combined hours for Community Support, Day Habilitation, Small Group Employment and Supported Employment services (Intensive Job Coaching, Direct and Extended Employment Supports, Direct) are limited to 50 hours in a calendar week. A participant whose needs exceed 50 hours a week must request an exception to the limit consistent with ODP policy.

Supported Employment (when provided directly to the participant) may not be provided at the same time that quarter hourly-reimbursed Respite, Day Habilitation, Community Support, or Small Group Employment is provided.

Supported Employment services may not be rendered under the waiver until it has been verified that:

- The services are not available to the participant under a program funded by either the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) has closed the participant's case or has stopped providing services to the participant;
- It has been determined that OVR services are not available. If OVR has not made an eligibility determination within 120 days of the referral being sent, or a participant has received an offer of competitive integrated employment prior to OVR making an eligibility determination, then OVR services are considered to not be available to the participant; or
- The participant is determined ineligible for OVR services.

A participant does not need to be referred to OVR if the participant is competitively employed and solely needs supported employment to maintain the participant's current job.

See ODP Bulletin 00-19-01, *OVR Referral Process for ODP-Employment Related Services*, for further guidance.

Federal Financial Participation is not claimed for incentive payments, subsidies or unrelated vocational training expenses such as the following:

- Incentive payments made to an employer to encourage or subsidize the employer's participation in Supported Employment services; or
- Payments that are passed through to users of Supported Employment services.



**Service Definition:** Supported Employment services are individualized services, for the benefit of a single participant at one time, to provide assistance to participants who need ongoing support to maintain a job in a self-employment or competitive employment arrangement in an integrated work setting in a position that meets a participant's personal and career goals. Participants receiving Supported Employment services must be compensated at or above the minimum wage and receive not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by employees without disabilities. Supported Employment may also be used to support a participant who is self-employed to provide ongoing assistance, counseling and guidance once the business has been launched.

Supported Employment is specific to the participant and can be provided both directly to the participant and indirectly for the benefit of the participant. For instance, if the participant has lost skills, or requirements of the job are expected to change, or a co-worker providing natural supports is leaving, the employer may wish to consult with the Supported Employment provider in person, by phone, by e-mail or by text, regarding how best to address that issue and effectively support the participant.

Supported Employment may include personal assistance as an incidental component of the service.

If the participant receives Specialized Skill Development services, the Supported Employment service includes implementation of the behavioral support plan (BSP), the crisis intervention plan (CIP), and/or the Systematic Skill Building plan (SBP). The Supported Employment service includes collecting and recording the data necessary to support review of the service plan, the BSP and the SBP.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service.

Supported Employment may be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

Supported Employment includes two components: Intensive Job Coaching and Extended Employment Supports.

#### **Intensive Job Coaching:**

Intensive Job Coaching includes onsite job training and skills development, assisting the participant with development of natural supports in the workplace, coordinating with employers, coworkers (including developing coworker supports) and customers, as necessary, to assist the participant in meeting employment expectations and addressing issues as they arise, such as training the participants in using public transportation to and from the place of employment.

Intensive Job Coaching provides on-the-job training and support to assist participants in stabilizing in a supported or self-employment situation. Intensive Job Coaching supports participants who require on-the-job support for more than 20% of their work week at the outset of the service, with the expectation that the need for support will diminish during the Intensive Job Coaching period (at which time, Extended Employment Supports will be provided if ongoing support is needed).

Intensive Job Coaching at the same employment site must be reauthorized after 6 months and may only be reauthorized twice, for a total of 18 consecutive months of Job Coaching support for the same position. A participant who needs Intensive Job Coaching at the same employment site for more than 18 consecutive months must request an exception to the limit consistent with ODP policy.

Intensive Job Coaching may be reauthorized for the same location after a period of Extended Employment Supports, due to a change in circumstances (such as new job responsibilities, personal life changes, or a change of supervisor).

#### **Extended Employment Supports:**

Extended Employment Supports are ongoing support available for an indefinite period as needed by the participant for 20% or less of their work week. Extended Employment Supports are available to support participants in maintaining their paid employment position or self-employment situation. This may include reminders of effective workplace practices and reinforcement of skills gained prior to employment or during the period of Intensive Job Coaching, coordinating with employers or employees and coworkers (including maintaining coworker supports). At least 1 visit per month to the participant at the work place is required in order to understand the current circumstances at the job site and to evaluate the participant's level of need for the Supported Employment service, firsthand. This monthly monitoring will inform the employment supports provided by this service.

## **Provider Qualifications\*:**

### **Agencies must meet the following standards:**

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Have automobile insurance for all automobiles owned, leased and/or hired used as a component of the Supported Employment service.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.

### **Individual agency staff furnishing Supported Employment must:**

**Staff working directly with the participant must have one of the following by 07/01/2021 or within **nine** months of hire if hired after 01/01/2021:**

- Hold a Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) credential from the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE); or
- Have been awarded a Basic Employment Services Certificate of Achievement or a Professional Certificate of Achievement in Employment Services from an Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) organizational member that has ACRE-approved training.

Newly hired individuals who do not have the required certification when hired must work under the supervision of someone who is certified. This can occur for no longer than **nine** months from the date of hire to allow the new hire time to obtain the certification.

- Be age 18 or older.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.
- Complete required training developed by BSASP for Employment/Vocational Services for people with autism spectrum disorders.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Staffing	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code
Supports Coordination	1 Unit (Develop Plan, ISP)	\$1107.67	1:1	21 Case Manager	214 Supports Coordination Agency	W7199
	15 min (Ongoing)	\$23.77	1:1			T2024

**Limitations:** The maximum caseload for a Supports Coordinator is 35 waiver participants, including participants in other Pennsylvania HCBS waivers, unless the requirement is waived by ODP in order to ensure a sufficient supply of Supports Coordinators in the waiver. An SC may not act as his or her own supervisor.

Supports Coordination services to facilitate transition from an institution to the community are limited to services provided within 180 days of the person leaving the facility. Providers may not bill for this service until the date of the person's entry into the waiver program.

**Note:** Support Coordination may not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under the Medicaid State plan or other program authorities. A participant's Supports Coordination Organization may not provide any other waiver services for that individual.

A Supports Coordination Organization which meets the standards for an Organized Healthcare Delivery System (OHCDs) may furnish Community Transition Services, Assistive Technology, Home Modifications, Transportation and Vehicle Modifications.

A participant's Supports Coordination Organization may not have a fiduciary relationship with providers of the participant's other services, except for Community Transition Services, Assistive Technology, Home Modifications, Transportation and Vehicle Modifications.

A participant's Supports Coordination Organization may not own or operate providers of Community Transition Services, Assistive Technology, Home Modifications, Transportation and Vehicle Modifications with which it is acting as an OHCDs.

**Service Definition:** Supports Coordination involves the location, coordination, and monitoring of needed services and supports. The Supports Coordinator (SC) assists participants in obtaining and coordinating needed waiver and other State plan services, as well as housing, medical, social, vocational, and other community services, regardless of funding source. This includes locating, coordinating and monitoring needed services and supports when a participant is admitted to a hospital.

The service includes both the development of an Individual Support Plan (ISP) and ongoing supports coordination.

**1. Initial Plan Development: The Supports Coordinator:**

- Conducts assessments to inform service planning, including i) the Scales of Independent Behavior-Revised (SIB-R) to assess each participant's strengths and needs regarding independent living skills and adaptive behavior; ii) for participants living with family members, the Parental Stress Scale to evaluate the total stress a family caregiver feels based on the combination of the participants' and caregivers' characteristics; and iii) assessment information on the ISP form regarding the persons desired goals and health status. The Supports Coordinator completes the SIB-R and receives the Parental Stress Scale in advance of the initial ISP meeting. The assessment information on the ISP form is completed during the ISP team meeting described in Appendix D-1-d.
- Develops an initial ISP using a person centered planning approach to help the planning team develop a comprehensive ISP to meet the participant's identified needs in the least restrictive manner possible. The planning team includes the Supports Coordinator, the participant, and other individuals the participant chooses.
- The Supports Coordinator also ensures participant choice of services and providers by providing information to ensure participants make fully informed decisions.
- Initial Plan Development includes Supports Coordination to facilitate community transition for individuals who received Medicaid-funded institutional services (i.e., ICF/ID, ICF/ORC, nursing facility, and Institution for Mental Disease) and who lived in an institution for at least 90 consecutive days prior to their transition to the waiver. Supports Coordination activities for people leaving institutions must be coordinated with and must not duplicate institutional discharge planning.
- Assisting the participant and his or her representative with finding, arranging for, and obtaining services specified in an Individual Support Plan (ISP)

- Informs participants about and facilitates access to unpaid, informal, local, generic, and specialized non-waiver services and supports that may address the identified needs of the participant and help the participant achieve the goals specified in the ISP;
- Provides information to participants on the right to a fair hearing and assists with fair hearing requests when needed and upon request;
- Assists participants in gaining access to needed services;
- Assists participants in participating in civic duties.

2. Ongoing Supports Coordination: Upon completion of the initial plan, the SC:

- Provides ongoing monitoring of the services included in the participant's ISP as described in Appendix D-2-a of the waiver. The Supports Coordinator must meet the participant in person no less than quarterly to ensure the participant's health and welfare, to review the participant's progress, to ensure that the ISP is being implemented as written, and to assess whether the team needs to revise the ISP. Within each year, at least one visit must occur in the participant's home. At least one visit must occur in a location outside the home where the participant receives services, if services are furnished outside the home. In addition, the Supports Coordinator must contact the participant, his or her guardian, or a representative designated by the participant in the ISP at least monthly, or more frequently as necessary to ensure the participant's health and welfare. These contacts may also be made in person. Monitoring the health and welfare of participants includes the review of information in health risk screening tools, when applicable, or whether there have been any changes in orders, plans or medical interventions prescribed or recommended by medical or behavioral professionals and whether those changes are being implemented.
- If the participant receives Behavioral Specialist Services, the SC ensures the participant's Behavioral Support Plan and Crisis Intervention Plan are consistent with the ISP, and reconvenes the planning team if necessary.
- Reconvenes the planning team to conduct a comprehensive review of the ISP at least annually or sooner if a participant's needs change or if a participant requests that the planning team be reconvened.
- Reviews participant progress on goals/objectives and initiates ISP team discussions or meetings when services are not achieving desired outcomes.
- The Supports Coordinator annually completes the SIB-R, the Parental Stress Scale, and the assessment information on the ISP form as part of the comprehensive review. The Supports Coordinator will use information from the assessments, as well as any additional assessments completed based on the unique needs of the participant, to revise the ISP to address all of the participant's needs.
- At the annual ISP meeting, the SC will provide the participant and his or her family with information on competitive integrated employment during the planning process and upon request.
- Informs participants about and facilitates access to unpaid, informal, local, generic, and specialized non-waiver services and supports that may address the identified needs of the participant and help achieve the goals specified in the ISP.
- Provides information to participants on the right to a fair hearing and assists with fair hearing requests when needed and upon request.
- Assists participants in participating in civic duties.
- Coordinates ISP planning with providers of service to ensure there are no gaps in service or inconsistencies between services; coordinates with other entities, resources and programs as necessary to ensure all areas of the participant's needs are addressed; and contacts family, friends, and other community members as needed to facilitate coordination of the participant's natural support network.
- Assists with resolving barriers to service delivery.
- Keeps participants and others who are responsible for planning and implementation of non-waiver services included in the ISP informed of participant's progress and changes that may affect those services.
- Responds to and assesses emergency situations and incidents and assures that appropriate actions are taken to protect the health and welfare of participants.
- Arranges for modifications of services and service delivery, as necessary to address the needs of the participant, and modifies the ISP accordingly.
- Works with ODP on the authorization of services on an ongoing basis and when ODP identifies issues with requested services.
- Communicates the authorization status of services to ISP team members, as appropriate.

The Supports Coordinator must ensure that the participant's initial and annual approved service plans are distributed to the participant, family, and ISP team members who do not have access to HCSIS within a timeframe established by ODP policy, or upon request.

This service can be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania. Travel time may not be billed by the provider

as a discrete unit of this service.

If a participant refuses Supports Coordination services, ODP staff will perform the Supports Coordination tasks described in this waiver to assure health and welfare of the participant.

Supports Coordination Organizations must use HCSIS to maintain case records that document the following for all individuals receiving Supports Coordination:

- 1) The name of the individual.
- 2) The dates of the Supports Coordination services.
- 3) The name of the provider agency (if relevant) and the person providing the Supports Coordination.
- 4) The nature, content, units of the case management services received and whether goals specified in the ISP have been achieved.
- 5) Whether the individual has declined services included in the ISP.
- 6) The need for, and occurrences of, coordination with other SCs or case managers.
- 7) A timeline for obtaining needed services.
- 8) A timeline for reevaluation of the ISP.

### ***Provider Qualifications\*:***

#### ***Agencies furnishing this service must:***

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.

#### ***Individual agency staff furnishing this service must:***

- Have at least a Bachelor's degree in Education, Psychology, Social Work, or other related social sciences.
- Have either 1) at least three years' experience providing case management for people with disabilities or 2) at least three years' experience working with people with autism spectrum disorders.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.
- Complete required training developed by BSASP for AAW Supports Coordination for people with autism spectrum disorders.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- Must have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Staffing</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>
<b>Temporary Supplemental Services</b>	15 min	\$11.82	1:1	51 Home & Community Habilitation	536 Temporary Crisis Staff Assistance	W7236

**Limitations:** Services are limited to 540 hours in a 12-month period beginning on the date this service was first authorized. This service is used in response to an urgent, temporary need. Therefore, it would not typically be included in an ISP during annual renewal, but be added through the Critical Revision process as needed. Within 5 business days of the HCSIS alert indicating submission of the Critical Revision, ODP will complete the review of the Critical Revision.

If a participant is experiencing numerous events which require this service, the Supports Coordinator will explore the following to ensure health and welfare:

- Accessing additional natural supports (e.g., assistance of family or local community organizations);
- Seeking services through non-waiver resources such as State Plan services or local community agencies; or
- Accessing residential habilitation services.

In addition, the team and ODP will invoke the risk management procedures to determine if the participant's health and welfare can be assured by this waiver.

This service may be provided in 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400 Community Homes that serve no more than four persons at any one time.

**Service Definition:** Temporary Supplemental services provide additional staff in the short term when it has been determined that the participant's health and welfare is in jeopardy and needed supports and services cannot be provided without additional staff assistance. This service is intended for those unforeseen circumstances which trigger a need for a time-limited increase in support.

This service is intended for circumstances such as unplanned stressful life events which increase a participant's risk of a crisis event (such as the recent loss of a family member), or to support a participant to return to baseline following a recent crisis event, which triggered a need for a time-limited increase in support.

Temporary Supplemental services staff support the family, informal support network and existing services providers in avoiding a participant's entering into crisis or in stabilizing a participant following a crisis. If the participant receives Behavioral Specialist Services, this service includes implementing the behavioral support plan. The need for the Temporary Supplemental services will be determined by ODP based on information and documentation from the Supports Coordinator, the Behavioral Specialist (if the participant receives Behavioral Specialist services), clinicians involved in the participant's care and other members of the ISP team including the participant and family or representative.

ODP reviews the continued need for the Temporary Supplemental services based on data and information received from the Supports Coordinator, Behavioral Specialist (if the participant receives Behavioral Specialist services), clinicians involved in the participant's care, the participant and other team members, including the family or representative, at least weekly. When it has been determined by the team members that the participant has been stabilized, the Temporary Supplemental services will cease.

This service may be furnished in a participant's home and at other community locations where the participant is receiving supports and services in order to assist the participant with avoiding entering into a crisis status or transitioning from a crisis status and assure health and welfare. This service may also be delivered in a hospital, when the participant is hospitalized and as described below. If the participant receives Specialized Skill Building services, this service includes implementation of the behavioral support plan (BSP), the crisis intervention plan (CIP) and/or the Systematic Skill Building plan (SBP). This service includes collecting and recording the data necessary to support review of the ISP, the BSP and the SBP.

Temporary Supplemental Services may be delivered in an acute care hospital in accordance with Section 1902(h) of the Social Security Act, when the services are:

- Identified in a participant's service plan;
- Provided to meet needs of the participant that are not met through the provision of hospital services;

- Designed to ensure smooth transitions between the hospital and home and community-based settings, and to preserve the participant's functional abilities; and
- Not a substitute for services that the hospital is obligated to provide through its conditions of participation or under Federal or state law, or under another applicable requirement.

This service can only be provided in a hospital setting to assist the participant with one or more of the following:

- Communication;
- Intensive personal care; and/or
- Behavioral support/stabilization as enumerated in the behavior support plan.

A participant receiving Residential Habilitation in a Community Home (Chapter 6400) who needs additional staff support while receiving Residential Habilitation Services on an ongoing basis after Temporary Supplemental services are exhausted may request a change in the Residential Habilitation level.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service. This service may be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

**Provider Qualifications\*:** Only AAW-enrolled Residential Habilitation (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400), Life Sharing (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6500), Day Habilitation, and Specialized Skill Development providers may enroll for this service.

**Agencies providing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Must have automobile insurance for all automobiles owned, leased, and/or hired used as a component of this service.

**Individual agency staff providing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Be age 18 or older
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- If transporting participants, have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If the criminal history clearance results identify a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results identified a criminal record.

Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code	Modifier Description
Therapy: Counseling	15 min	\$22.38	19 Psychologist	425 Autism Certified Psychologist	T2025	HE: Informational, Mental Health
			31 Physician	426 Autism Certified Psychiatrist		
			11 Mental Health/ Substance Abuse	421 Autism Social Worker		
				422 Autism Marriage & Family Counselor		
				423 Autism Professional Counselor		
				424 Counseling Agency		
Therapy: Speech/ Language		\$23.56	17 Therapist	173 Speech/Hearing Therapist		GN: Speech Pathology U2: Adult Autism Waiver

**Note:** All staffing is 1:1 ratio.

**Limitations:** Medical Assistance, Medicare and private insurance-compensable services cannot be provided through the Medicaid Waiver unless these services are denied by the participant's health care plan(s). Therapies will be provided under the State Plan until the State Plan limitations have been reached.

**Service Definition:** Therapies are services provided by health care professionals that enable individuals to increase or maintain their ability to perform activities of daily living. Therapies in this waiver are limited to:

- Speech/language therapy provided by a licensed speech therapist or certified audiologist upon examination and recommendation by a certified or certification-eligible audiologist or a licensed speech therapist.
- Counseling provided by a licensed psychologist, licensed psychiatrist, licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, or licensed marriage and family therapist.

Therapy services are direct services provided to assist individuals in the acquisition, retention, or improvement of skills necessary for the individual to live and work in the community, and must be attached to an individualized outcome. The need for the service must be evaluated on a periodic basis, at least annually or more frequently as needed as part of the service plan process. This evaluation must review whether the individual continues to require the current level of authorized services and that the service continues to result in positive outcomes for the individual. It is recognized, however, that long-term Therapy services may be necessary due to an individual's extraordinary medical or behavioral conditions. The need for long-term Therapy services must be documented in the individual's service plan.

Therapies do not duplicate services under the State plan due to difference in scope, frequency and duration of services and to specific provider experience and training required to accommodate the individual's disability.

Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service.

The therapy services can be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

#### **Provider Qualifications\*:**

**Hold one of the following licenses:**

- Speech/Language Pathologist/Audiologist - Title 49 Pa. Code Chapter 45
- Psychologist - Title 49 Pa. Code Chapter 41



- Psychiatrist - Title 49 Pa. Code Chapter 17
- Social Worker - Title 49 Pa. Code Chapter 47
- Marriage and Family Therapist - Title 49 Pa. Code Chapter 48
- Professional Counselor - Title 49 Pa. Code Chapter 49

**Agencies furnishing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Providers must demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- The provider standards in the Medicaid state plan will apply.

**Individuals furnishing this service must meet the following qualifications:**

- Complete standard ODP required orientation and annual training.
- Individuals providing these services must have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of the review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

Waiver Service	Unit	Rate	Provider Type	Provider Specialty	Procedure Code
Public Transportation	Item		55 Vendor	267	W7272
Transportation – Trip (Zone)	Zone 1	\$18.83	26 Transportation	Non-emergency (Transportation)	W7274
	Zone 2	\$33.85			W7275
	Zone 3	\$50.46			W7276

**Note on Transportation Trip (Zone) rates:** Shown above are the standard rates included as part of the final Fee Schedule Rates published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on Feb. 26, 2022. As of this publication date, enhanced rates that were established due to impacts on service because of the COVID-19 pandemic are in effect. The enhanced rates, published in ODP Communication 21-030, will be in effect until six months after the end of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19. At that time, the Fee Schedule Rates listed in this table will take effect. ODP will issue a communication when the enhanced rates end, and the rates shown above take effect.

**Note:** Providers that meet the standards for Supports Coordination, Specialized Skill Development, or Supported Employment may subcontract with providers of Transportation as an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDs). See Appendix A for procedure codes and policy on submitting an OHCDs Administrative Fee.

**Limitations:** Transportation is a direct service that enables participants to access services and activities specified in their approved service plan. This service does not include transportation that is an integral part of the provision of another discrete Waiver service.

Participants authorized to receive Transportation services may not receive the direct provision of the following services during the same hours they are receiving the direct provision of Transportation: Day Habilitation, Supported Employment, Therapies, Career Planning, Family Support, Nutritional Consultation, Specialized Skill Development (Behavioral Specialist Service, Systematic Skill Building, and Community Support), and Small Group Employment.

Participants authorized to receive Residential Habilitation or Life Sharing services may only be authorized for Transportation services as a discrete service when the participant requires transportation to or from a job that meets the definition of competitive integrated employment.

Transportation services may not be substituted for the transportation services that a state is obligated to furnish under the requirements of 42 CFR § 431.53 regarding transportation to and from providers of Medical Assistance services.

This service can be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

Expenditure for Transportation is limited to \$4,500 per participant's service plan year.

**Service Definition:** The Transportation service consists of:

- Public Transportation. Public transportation services are vendor services provided to or purchased for participants to enable them to gain access to services, activities, in the community and resources as specified in their service plans. Public transportation may be purchased by an OHCDs when the public transportation vendor does not elect to enroll directly.
- Transportation – Trip. This service is transportation provided to participants for which costs are determined on a per trip basis. A trip is defined as transportation from a participant's home, a waiver service, activity in the community or resource specified in the participant's service plan to a waiver service, activity in the community or resource specified in the participant's service plan or the participant's home. Transportation may be used to travel to and from a job that meets the definition of competitive integrated employment. Taking a participant to a destination and returning the participant to his/her home is considered two trips or two units of service. Trip distances are defined by ODP through the use of zones. Zones are defined as follows:
  - Zone 1 – greater than 0 and up to 10 miles;
  - Zone 2 – greater than 10 and up to 30 miles;
  - Zone 3 – greater than 30 miles.

Providers that transport more than 6 participants are required to have an aide in the vehicle. If a provider transports 6 or fewer participants, the provider has the discretion to determine if an aide is required. The determination must be based upon the needs of the participants, the provider's ability to ensure the health and welfare of participants and be consistent with ODP requirements for safe transportation.

Transportation (Public and Trip) may be delivered by an organization that directly enrolls with ODP or through an organized healthcare delivery system (OHCD). Any organization or individual, including friends and family members, may provide Transportation-Trip through an OHCD.

### ***Provider Qualifications\*:***

**NOTE: When this service is delivered through an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCD) provider, the OHCD provider is responsible to ensure that all subcontracted entities that will render the vendor service meet the qualification criteria specified for the service.**

#### ***Agencies must meet the following standards:***

- Have a Public Utility Commission (PUC) Certification, when required by state law or comparable certificate in contiguous states.
- Have a waiver service location in Pennsylvania or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania.
- Complete standard ODP required orientation.
- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures. Public transportation providers are exempt from this requirement.
- Have Commercial General Liability Insurance.
- Have documentation that all vehicles used in the provision of Transportation services have automobile insurance.
- Have documentation that all vehicles used in the provision of Transportation services have current State motor vehicle registration and inspection.
- Have Workers' Compensation Insurance, in accordance with state law.
- Ensure that staff (direct, contracted, or in a consulting capacity) meet the qualifications for this service.
- Comply with Department standards related to provider qualifications.

#### ***Drivers and aides working for or contracted with agencies as well as volunteers utilized in providing this service if they will spend any time alone with a participant must meet the following standards:***

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Complete training on the participant's service plan, which includes but is not limited to communication, mobility, and behavioral needs.
- Have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history record check prior to the date of hire. If the prospective employee is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or has not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least two years prior to the date of employment, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check must be obtained prior to the date of hire.

If a criminal history clearance and/or the criminal history record check identifies a criminal record, providers must make a case-by-case decision about whether to hire the person that includes consideration of the following factors:

- The nature of the crime;
- Facts surrounding the conviction;
- Time elapsed since the conviction;
- The evidence of the individual's rehabilitation; and
- The nature and requirements of the job.

Documentation of review must be maintained for any staff that were hired whose criminal history clearance results or criminal history check identified a criminal record.

- Have a valid driver's license if the operation of a vehicle is necessary to provide Transportation services.

<b>Waiver Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Provider Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Code</b>
<b>Vehicle Modifications</b>	Item	55 Vendor	543 Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	W7278

**Note:** Agencies that meet the standards for Supports Coordination or Specialized Skill Development may subcontract with providers of Vehicle Modifications as an Organized Health Care Delivery System. See Appendix A for procedure codes and policy on submitting an OHCDs Administrative Fee.

**Limitations:** Vehicle Modifications services are limited to \$10,000 per participant during a 5-year period. The 5-year period begins with the first utilization of authorized Vehicle Modifications services.

A vehicle that is to be modified, must comply with all applicable State standards.

The vehicle that is modified may be owned by the participant, a family member with whom the participant lives, or a non-relative who provides primary support to the participant and is not a paid provider agency.

Vehicle Modification services may also be used to adapt a privately owned vehicle of a Life Sharing host when the vehicle is not owned by the Life Sharing Provider agency.

Vehicle Modifications costing over \$500 must be recommended by an independent evaluation of the participant's needs, including a functional evaluation of the impact of the modification on the participant's needs. This service does not include the independent evaluation. Depending on the type of modification, the evaluation may be conducted by an occupational therapist; a physical therapist, a behavioral specialist, or another professional as approved in the ISP. The organization or professional providing the evaluation shall not be a related party to the Vehicle Modifications provider.

**Service Definition:** Vehicle Modifications are modifications or alterations to an automobile or van that is the waiver participant's primary means of transportation in order to accommodate the special needs of the participant. Vehicle Modifications are modifications needed by the participant, as specified in the ISP, to enable the participant to integrate more fully into the community and to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the participant. The following are specifically excluded:

- A. Modifications or improvements to the vehicle that are of general utility and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant
- B. Regularly scheduled upkeep and maintenance of a vehicle, except upkeep and maintenance of the modifications
- C. Modifications to a vehicle owned or leased by a provider

Vehicle Modifications cannot be used to purchase or lease vehicles for waiver recipients, their families or legal guardians; however, this service can be used to fund the portion of a new or used vehicle purchase that relates to the cost of Vehicle Modifications. In order for this service to be used to fund modifications of a new or used vehicle, a clear breakdown of purchase price versus modifications is required.

Vehicle Modifications funded through the waiver are limited to the following modifications:

- Vehicular lifts
- Interior alterations to seats, head and leg rests, and belts
- Customized devices necessary for the participant to be transported safely in the community, including driver control devices
- Modifications needed to accommodate a participant's special sensitivity to sound, light or other environmental conditions
- Raising the roof or lowering the floor to accommodate wheelchairs

All Vehicle Modifications shall meet applicable standards of manufacture, design and installation. A vehicle that is to be modified must comply with all applicable State standards. The vehicle that is modified may be owned by the participant, a family member with whom the participant lives, or a non-relative who provides primary support to the participant and is not a paid provider agency. Vehicle Modification services may also be used to adapt a privately owned vehicle of a Life Sharing host when the vehicle is not owned by the Life Sharing Provider agency.

This service may be delivered in Pennsylvania and in states contiguous to Pennsylvania.

When vehicle modifications are included in an ISP, the SC must collect three bids from providers for the necessary modification and provide the three bids to ODP for consideration during ODP's review of the ISP.

***Provider Qualifications\*:***

**NOTE: When this service is delivered through an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCD) provider, the OHCD provider is responsible to ensure that all subcontracted entities that will render the vendor service meet the qualification criteria specified for the service.**

***Agencies must meet the following standards:***

- Demonstrate compliance with ODP standards through completion of a self-assessment and validation of required documentation, policies and procedures.
- Carry commercial general liability insurance, professional liability errors and omissions insurance and worker's compensation insurance when required by Pennsylvania statute.
- Agencies that meet the standards for Supports Coordination or Community Support may subcontract with providers of Vehicle Modifications as an Organized Health Care Delivery System as specified in Appendix I-3-g-ii.
- Individuals providing this service shall meet all applicable state and local licensure requirements. All modifications shall meet applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation.
- Services shall be provided in accordance with applicable state and local building codes.

## Appendix A: Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS)

<i>HCSIS Service Name</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Provider Type</i>	<i>Provider Specialty</i>	<i>Procedure Code</i>
<b>Administrative Fee</b>	Fee	\$25.00 or 10% of cost of service	55 Vendor	537 Admin Fee for Vendor and Vendor Fiscal	W0026

Assistive Technology, Community Transition Services, Home Modifications, Transportation (Public and Trip), and Vehicle Modifications can be delivered through an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) provider when the vendor does not enroll directly with ODP to provide the service.

Supports Coordination Organizations can apply to become OHCDS entities for the Adult Autism Waiver services of Community Transition Services, Assistive Technology, Home Modifications, Transportation and/or Vehicle Modifications.

Specialized Skill Development agencies can apply to become OHCDS entities for the Adult Autism Waiver service of Assistive Technology, Transportation and/or Vehicle Modifications.

Supported Employment agencies can apply to become OHCDS entities for the Adult Autism Waiver service of Transportation.

Providers and SCOs can enroll as an OHCDS provider by contacting BSASP Provider Enrollment at [RA-pwbasprovenroll@pa.gov](mailto:RA-pwbasprovenroll@pa.gov).

The OHCDS provider can charge an administrative fee for per the ODP billing requirements. This administrative fee is \$25.00 or 10% per transaction, whichever is less. The administrative fee does not apply towards the fiscal limitations as defined in the service definitions.

Please note that PROMISe will only approve one administration fee claim for a participant per month. Therefore, only one OHCDS provider is able to bill and receive payment for the administration fee per month.

**NOTE: When this service is delivered through an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) provider, the OHCDS provider is responsible to ensure that all subcontracted entities that will render the vendor service meet the qualification criteria specified for the service.**