

Expenses with Special Considerations

IMPORTANT! All services and items should be the least costly alternative or may have suggested limits. Limits are included as a guide to what is considered “customary and reasonable.” Requested amounts beyond what is suggested will require additional written explanation in the CSP and/or an evaluation.

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

- ⊙ Caregiver Relief – hourly only (no daily rates)
- ⊙ Child Care – See considerations for children under 11.
- ⊙ Extended PCA hours – in this category
- ⊙ Housecleaning/Household Management (individual) – See consideration and limits for indoor/outdoor. Max suggested \$5000/household combined
- ⊙ Respite (licensed) – this category
- ⊙ Support Staff – Justify wage above \$16.95/hr.(minimum \$12/hr to max of \$20/hour), overtime, double, benefits, bonus, PPOA, under age 18
- ⊙ PPOM/Spouse – see specifics

TREATMENT & TRAINING

- ⊙ Adapted Swim Lesson (for minors) – 1:1, safety goal only (Complete Swim Verification Form)
- ⊙ Alternative or Specialized Therapy/Treatment – new form
- ⊙ Camp – as skill acquisition
- ⊙ Day & Employment Activities – Be creative
- ⊙ Community Classes – must work on formal goal
- ⊙ Extended Therapy – this category
- ⊙ Fitness and Exercise Activities (adults only) – Complete Alt. Treatment form
- ⊙ Licensed waiver services – this category
- ⊙ Support Staff for skill acquisition – Justify wage above \$16.95/hr.(minimum \$12/hr to max of \$20/hour), overtime, double, benefits, bonus, under age 18
- ⊙ Training for caregiver and participant – college classes – not for credit towards degree

Environmental Modifications & Provisions

- ⊙ Adaptive Swimming Lessons – Form required
- ⊙ Air condition unit – 1 per household – max. \$500
- ⊙ All items over \$1000 need 2 bids (unless special evaluation)
- ⊙ Alarm system - \$1200 max (installation only)
- ⊙ Alternative Pathway - \$12/sq. ft./\$5040
- ⊙ Adapted Bed – dr. recommendation/eval.
- ⊙ Adapted Bike – 3 wheel included, \$2500 limit
- ⊙ Car/Carpet Cleaning – bodily fluids or behavioral, limit 2x/yr.
- ⊙ Clothing/Linens (replacement) - \$900/year
- ⊙ Computer/Tablet - \$1000 every 3 years, more than communication, FORM, not for educational purposes
- ⊙ Computer Apps – Professional recommendation for apps over \$75
- ⊙ Drivers Ed – lessons
- ⊙ Enteral/Nutritional Products – enteral allowed w/considerations, Boost/Ensure not allowed unless part of special diet
- ⊙ Eyeglasses - replacement
- ⊙ Fence - \$45/lineal foot, up to 275 lineal feet (Max. \$12,375)
- ⊙ Flooring – hard surface - \$3.50 - \$4/sq.ft.(laminatetile), \$5-\$7/sq. foot ceramic bathroom tile, no carpet

- ⊙ GPS – monitor fee no limit
- ⊙ Laundry Services – \$1.50/load in home or up to \$10/load at laundromat, max. \$500/yr in home/\$1000 out home.
- ⊙ Personal Care Supplies – above and beyond what’s typical, MA exhausted
- ⊙ Positive Behavioral Reinforcers – Behavior Plan needed
- ⊙ Skill Acquisition Equipment and Supplies - \$300 limit/year
- ⊙ Specialized Diets – lookup food plan to get %, multiple diets, no fruits and vegetables (unless prescribed organic)
- ⊙ Specialized Recreation Equipment or family/community integration – may require recommendation
- ⊙ Storage/Locked Case – for specific disability equipment related to safety
- ⊙ Utilities (electric and trash ONLY for medically fragile)
- ⊙ Vehicle Mods – See separate policy
- ⊙ Video Monitoring System – DHS approval process for bedrooms of adults, no bathrooms

Self Direction Support Services

- ⊙ Record Keeping Costs - \$200/year
- ⊙ Paid Time Off – union/DHS set rate to be taken out of wages
- ⊙ Support Planner – 23 hour max for year 1 & 2, 8 hours max. for renewals
- ⊙ Worker’s Compensation – for payroll model

MA Home Care Services

- ⊙ Deduct from total CDCS budget
- ⊙ Add in supervision
- ⊙ Make sure rates are correct/Check RMS rates
- ⊙ Extended PCA – Move to PA category
- ⊙ Extended Nursing – Move to T&T category

Unallowables

- ⊙ Appliances/Furniture – “major”
- ⊙ Cable TV
- ⊙ Camp outside MN (bordering states allowed)
- ⊙ Cell phones/minutes
- ⊙ Changes 30 days prior to end plan year
- ⊙ Community activities not related to dx – tix to events, food/restaurants
- ⊙ Computer for self-direction purposes ONLY not allowed
- ⊙ Dietary Supplements
- ⊙ Dental services
- ⊙ Diversionary/Recreational services/items
- ⊙ Driveways
- ⊙ Foster Care participants. PPOM not allowed if foster parent is caring for non-relative (relative up to 25 hrs/wk)
- ⊙ Generator (some exceptions may apply)
- ⊙ Gift cards/Cash
- ⊙ Home repairs/remodels
- ⊙ Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- ⊙ Items that seclude, restrain, inhibit - discuss proactive approaches with case manager (adults only)
- ⊙ Medical co-pay
- ⊙ Medical Marijuana
- ⊙ Services to adults/children in foster care, corporate homes + exception if relative children (PPOM up to 25 hrs)
- ⊙ Socialization
- ⊙ Staffing outside country
- ⊙ Window Replacement
- ⊙ Vendor travel time