

Chore

The service definition and limits outlined below do not include all details and requirements. For the service standards, limitations, provider types and qualification, and reimbursement information, refer to the appropriate Medicaid HCBS AD/TBI Waivers.

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Chore AD 6496

Service Definition

Chore is a service for adults aged 18 and older on the HCBS Waiver for Aged and Adults and Children with Disabilities (AD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver. This service assists in ensuring the health and safety of the participant in their own home.

Conditions of Provision

- A. A participant chooses each service based on their needs.
 - 1. The chosen waiver services and who provides them are documented in the participant's Person-Centered Plan (PCP).
- B. Chore service is authorized only after verifying that neither the participant, nor anyone else in the household, is capable of performing or financially providing for the tasks.
 - i. This includes close relatives, caregiver, landlord, community/volunteer agency, or third-party payer is capable of or responsible for the provision of these service components.
- C. This service may be provided on an episodic or continuing basis.
- D. Chore may include:
 - 1. Pest Control
 - 2. Site Clearance
 - 3. Snow and Ice Removal
 - 4. Heavy Cleaning
 - a. These activities must not match light housekeeping covered by Companion services.
- E. Participants are responsible for overseeing and supervising individual providers on an ongoing basis.
- F. Chore has the following limitations:
 - 1. No personal care or hands-on assistance may be provided.
 - 2. Chore cannot duplicate services provided by Personal Care or Companion when authorized together.
- G. When the participant lives in a rental property, the lease agreement will be reviewed to determine the responsibilities of the landlord to provide repairs or maintenance.
 - 1. This service is not available when the provider is associated with the lease or ownership of the property.

Provider Requirements

The information outlined below does not include all provider requirements. It is intended to be general information about providers of this specific AD/TBI service.

- A. All providers of waiver services must:
 - 1. Be a Medicaid provider;
 - 2. Comply with all applicable Titles of the Nebraska Administrative Code and Nebraska State Statutes;
 - 3. Adhere to standards as described in the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Service Provider Agreement;
 - 4. Complete DHHS trainings upon request; and
 - 5. Use universal precautions.
- B. TBI Waiver providers must complete DHHS-approved TBI training before providing Chore services.
- C. A provider may be an individual or an agency.
 - 1. The provider of this service cannot live with the participant.
- D. Chore services may be provided by a relative or legal guardian.
- E. Each agency provider must:
 - 1. Employ staff based on their qualifications, experience, and demonstrated abilities;
 - 2. Provide training to ensure staff are qualified to provide the necessary level of care;
 - 3. Agree to make training plans available to DHHS, and
 - 4. Ensure adequate availability and quality of service.

Rates

- A. Chore services have a budget cap of \$3,500 per year.
- B. Rates are set on an individual provider basis through a negotiation process between the provider and the Resource Developer (RD) and cannot exceed established maximum.
- C. Rates are established based on usual and customary rates that are not more than the provider would charge a private paying individual.
- D. Frequency of service is hourly, or daily,
- E. Providers must bill for the quarter of the hour when the participant is not in attendance for a full hour.