

Funding Definitions

Supported Living Services Children's Extensive Support Proposed for July 1, 2009

Unless otherwise specified by the Division for Developmental Disabilities (DDD), the following definitions shall apply to the Supported Living Services (SLS) and Children's Extensive Support (CES) Medicaid waiver programs.

“Support Level” means the level of care needed by a participant as determined by the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) assessment and the supplemental assessment factors used in Colorado. The results of a SIS assessment provide information so that each person can be assigned a Level ranging from 1 to 6 (1 = lowest support needs and 6 = highest support needs).

"Service Plan Authorization Limit" (“Authorization Limit”) means the maximum State reimbursement available to a participant according to his or her Support Level and based on the individual's needs for specific ongoing services within the Support Level.

SLS program - There are four primary Authorization Limits (A-D):

- Authorization Limit “A” = all participants assigned Support Level 1
- Authorization Limit “B” = all participants assigned Support Level 2
- Authorization Limit “C” = all participants assigned Support Level 3 or 4
- Authorization Limit “D” = all participants assigned Support Level 5 or 6
- Authorization Limit “E” = Limited to 77 specific individuals whose current spending exceeds Support Level 6. No additional people will be added to Limit “E”.

CES program - The SIS assessment does not apply to the CES program, therefore, there is only one Support Level and one Authorization Limit “E” for all participants.

“Service Unit” means any of the following:

- One unit = 15 minute increments (i.e., four units = one hour of service)
- One unit = one dollar
- One unit = one day of respite (i.e., 10 hours or more in any 24-hour period)
- One unit = transportation trip

“Overall Authorization Cap” means the annual maximum total amount of funds available for all waiver services (i.e., ongoing services and limited duration services). The Overall Authorization Cap varies per person depending on the individual's Support Level and assigned Service Plan Authorization Limit.

“Individual Service Limits” means the maximum number of units that a particular waiver service has been assigned. Not all services have an Individual Service Limit. For example, personal care does not have any Individual Service Limit, but mentorship is limited to 192 units per Service Plan year.

“Limited Duration Services” means services and supports that are not provided on an ongoing basis, but may be provided one or more times on a periodic and time limited basis. The following services and supports have a combined limit that may not exceed \$10,000 over the life of the waiver, except that on a case by case basis DDD may approve a higher amount, to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the participant or that enable the participant to function with greater independence in the home, or if it decreases the need for paid assistance in another waiver service on a long-term basis.

Supported Living Services

- Home Accessibility Adaptations
- Vehicle Modifications
- Assistive Technology

Children's Extensive Support

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“Ongoing Services” means services and supports that are provided to an individual on a continuing and regular basis, such as daily, weekly or monthly. Ongoing services include:

Supported Living Services

- Personal Care
- Basic Homemaker
- Enhanced Homemaker
- Respite
- Behavioral Services
- Vision Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Professional Services
 - Hippotherapy
 - Movement Therapy
 - Massage Therapy
- Day Habilitation
 - Supported Community Connection
 - Specialized Habilitation
- Supported Employment
- Mentorship
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Dental Services

Children’s Extensive Support

- Personal Care
- Basic Homemaker
- Enhanced Homemaker
- Respite
- Behavioral Services
- Vision Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Professional Services
 - Hippotherapy
 - Movement Therapy
 - Massage Therapy
- Community Connector
- Parent Education
- Adaptive Therapeutic Recreational Equipment and Fees