

# DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Olympia, Washington

TITLE: DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY 6.16

Authority: Chapter 71A RCW Developmental Disabilities

Chapter 388-820 WAC Community Residential Services and Supports

## **BACKGROUND**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) contracts with service providers to offer residential supports to eligible persons living in the community.

## **PURPOSE**

This policy describes the circumstances under which a contracted residential service provider may seek reimbursement from a client for damages inflicted upon the provider's property and/or the personal property of the provider's staff.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all DDD certified and contracted residential service providers and their employees, and the State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA).

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**CPI** means clothing and personal incidentals allowance.

**SSI** means Supplemental Security Income.

#### **POLICY**

Contracted residential service providers and staff may seek reimbursement for damages caused by a client as long as damages are not already reflected in their administrative nonstaff rate.

A. In requesting client reimbursement for any damage, the provider must disclose the existence of any applicable insurance coverage. Applicable provider insurance must be

- used and the amount of client reimbursement requested must be limited to the amount of the insurance deductible.
- B. Reimbursement must be voluntary and accompanied by a written behavior support plan (BSP) developed to respond to the behavior(s) which resulted in the damage.
- C. The request and BSP must be submitted to the DDD Regional Administrator or designee in an approved format and include the signatures of the client and his or her guardian, if applicable. If the client has no guardian, DDD may request a parent, sibling, or other family member (or an advocate if no family member is involved) sign and approve the request. The DDD case resource manager (CRM) and the service provider must also sign the request.
- D. The request for reimbursement must have an incident report and at least one written estimate attached from either: (a) a licensed contractor; (b) a bonded service repairperson; or (c) a retail store carrying the item to be replaced, as appropriate. The amount of reimbursement must not exceed the estimate or the replacement value of the article, whichever is less. The client, his or her guardian, or the CRM may request a second estimate
- E. The total amount of reimbursement may be divided into monthly payments if the service provider, the client or his/her guardian, and the CRM agree to the amount of each payment and the total number of months over which the payments will be spread. The monthly payment must not reduce the CPI below the basic DSHS standard in any month. Total client savings must not be reduced below the current SSI standard monthly income amount.
- F. The service provider must maintain complete reimbursement and payment records, including receipts for payment of damage repairs, receipts for reimbursement amounts received from the client, and insurance payments.
- G. The service provider may request reimbursement from DDD if the client is unable or unwilling to pay for damages.
- H. The regional administrator or designee must review and approve all requests made under this policy.

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# **EXCEPTION TO POLICY:**

The regional administrator may approve exceptions to the provisions of this policy based on information submitted on the Department's standard *Policy Exception Request* form (DSHS 05-010 (x)).

# **SUPERSESSION:**

TITLE:

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