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Developmental Disabilities Community Services

Community Protection Waiver

Overview

The Community Protection waiver is one of DSHS Developmental Disabilities Community Services federal Home and Community-Based Services waivers. It offers residential supports for individuals who are at least 18 years of age and meet the criteria for DDCS and the Community Protection Program.

Individuals have been assessed to require 24-hour, on-site staff supervision to ensure the safety of themselves and others. The individual must agree to the Community Protection Individual Support Plan. An individual may request to be enrolled on a waiver or to be enrolled in a different waiver at any time. Enrollment is based on capacity.

Services Include

- Assistive Technology.
- Community Transition.
- Environmental Adaptations.
- Extermination of Bed Bugs.
- Individual or Group Supported Employment.
- Individualized Technical Assistance.
- Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapies (for adults, when not covered under state plan benefits).
- Residential Habilitation.
- Risk Assessment.
- Skilled Nursing (over age 21).
- Specialized Equipment and Supplies.
- Specialized Evaluation and Consultation.
- Stabilization Services – Life Skills.
- Stabilization Services – Staff and Family Consultation.
- Stabilization Services – Crisis Diversion Bed.
- Staff and Family Consultation.
- Transportation.

Eligibility

DDCS clients who:

- Meet Social Security disability criteria.
- Meet institutional level of care criteria.
- Are a U.S. citizen or federally qualified legal resident.
- Have a DDCS assessment and Person- Centered Service Plan that describe how the participant's health, safety and habilitation needs will be met in the community.
- Accept home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional services.
- Community Protection waiver participants must also meet Community Protection Program criteria in WAC 388-831-0030.

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Quality Assurance Oversight

External

- DSHS Residential Care Services Division.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- National Core Indicators Project.
- Office of the Washington State Auditor.
- Washington State Department of Health.

Internal

- DDCS Office of Program and Policy Development.
- DDCS Office of Quality, Compliance and Training.
- DDCS Office of Provider Compliance and Transition Quality Assurance.

Budget

The capacity of the Community Protection waiver is now up to 504 individuals. In state fiscal year 2024, 369 clients were served on the Community Protection waiver at an average cost of $21,981 per month.

Rates

Waiver services are delivered by many different contracted services providers whose rates are dependent upon the service offered. Service rates can be found at Developmental Disabilities rates.

Authority

Federal funding under section 1915c of the Social Security Act, Home and Community Based Services Waivers and state funding.

Chapter 71A RCW, Developmental disabilities

Chapter 388-845 WAC, DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers

RCW 71A.18.060 Budget Requests for Expenditures