

HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Family Support Services Policy

Purpose: Family Support Services (FSS) assists the family to meet the needs of the eligible individual in the family home, promote self-sufficiency and promote family unity by meeting the special needs of the eligible individual. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines regarding the use of Family Support Services.

Policy:

- A. Family members who live with a Holmes County resident who is eligible for Board of Developmental Disabilities services may receive FSS funds.
- B. Family members include parent, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, grandparent, aunt, uncle, and/or cousin of a Holmes County Board of Developmental Disabilities eligible individual.
- C. A child in a County Children's Services foster care situation, residing with a Holmes County family, and eligible for Holmes DD services, may receive FSS funds.
- D. FSS funds can be used for:
 - a. Respite care.
 - b. Counseling, supervision, training, and education related to the eligible individual's special needs.
 - c. Special diets, purchase/lease of specialized equipment, disability related modifications to the home in which the eligible individual resides.
 - d. Summer programming, leisure activities, and social skill development for the eligible individual.
 - e. Other services that meet the purpose of the program.
- E. Annually, the Board shall budget a maximum amount of funding for the program year and determine an amount of funding available per eligible individual.
- F. Individuals who have an HCBS Medicaid waiver shall not be eligible for FSS funding unless the item or service cannot be purchased using Medicaid or the waiver.
- G. Participants shall not pay a fee/copay for participating in the FSS program.
- H. Annually, individuals/families shall apply to participate in the FSS program.
- I. Whenever appropriate, families will be requested to access alternate available sources of funding/support.
- J. At the time of annual application and if a requested purchase/service is denied, the individual/family shall receive due process rights.
- K. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop and implement written procedures consistent with Board policy and applicable rules, regulations and statutes.

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