



Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Family Support Services

Purpose

To define the policy for eligible people that participate in the Family Support Services program at the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD).

Policy

Guidelines

DCBDD offers a Family Support Services (FSS) program that provides various services and supports to eligible individuals ages 3 and above who are not enrolled on an Individual Options, Level One, SELF, or any other Ohio Medicaid administered waiver program. Individuals and families requesting to participate in the FSS program should not have similar services and supports available through other means.

Allowance

The FSS program operates on a calendar year cycle beginning on January 1 through December 31 of each year. The FSS program is not an entitlement. If requests for FSS services exceed the annual budget allocation, requests shall be denied due to lack of available funds. The Board will only make direct payment to approved vendors for pre-authorized goods and services.

The maximum level of service per individual may vary from year to year based on the availability of funds. Currently the annual allocation is \$1000.00 per individual per calendar year.

FSS Program Eligible Requests Include:

Incontinence Supplies:

- Diapers, cleansing wipes, and incontinence pads are available for individuals over the age of three (3) who are not eligible for Medicaid
- A physician's prescription certifying that the individual is incontinent is required on an annual basis

Specialized Liquid Nutrition:

- Specialized liquid nutrition that is required to meet daily caloric and nutritional requirements may be available for individuals over the age of three (3) who are not eligible for Medicaid
- A physician's prescription certifying the specialized liquid nutrition's necessity is required on an annual basis

Therapies:

- Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech/Language Therapy may be funded for children ages three (3) through the age of five (5), including evaluations for the same
- A physician's prescription certifying that the individual has an unmet need for therapy is required on an annual basis

Specialized Equipment:

- Specialized equipment is available upon the written recommendation of any of the following people: Physician, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, or Speech and Language Pathologist
- The professional is required to fill out a service request form as well as attach a picture and description of the specialized piece of equipment

Specialized Camps & Classes:

- Recreational activities, such as music therapy, therapeutic horseback riding, adaptive aquatics, etc. may be funded, provided that the therapies or classes are specialized for individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Prior approval and written documentation are required
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Home Modifications:

- Home modifications such as ramps, grab-bars, bathroom alterations, etc. may be funded through the FSS program
- Requests for home modifications will require the recommendation and evaluation of a Physician, Physical Therapist, or Occupational Therapist and must conform to all applicable housing, zoning and building codes

Assistive Technology:

- Assistive technology is smart or electronic devices used to increase independence and reduce dependence on others to complete activities of daily living and may include:
 - Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) apps
 - Speech-generating apps
 - Visual schedule or social story apps
 - Apps that support expressive and receptive language development
- Assistive technology is available upon the written recommendation of any of the following people: Assistive Technology Professional, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, or Speech and Language Pathologist

FSS Program Requests Do Not Include:

- Reimbursement of goods and services to anyone other than an approved vendor
- Tuition for school and extracurricular activities
- Tutoring

- Non-specialized activities/camps/classes/events
- Household goods (e.g., appliances and furniture)
- Household repairs and maintenance
- Non-specialized toys and other typical items (e.g., bikes, riding toys, computers)
- Clothing
- Therapies without scientific evidence (e.g., chelation therapy, ionic cleansing, nutritional, vision)
- Swimming pools, pool supplies, hot tubs, and saunas
- Gym/exercise memberships
- Eyeglasses
- Daycare Services
- Medical bills, medical co-pays, dental, testing, experimental treatments, etc.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.

Resolution of Complaints

Any individual or person, other than an employee of the county board, may file a complaint to appeal actions proposed or initiated by a county board of developmental disabilities. Refer to the DCBDD Resolution of Complaints policy for complaint resolution information.

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