

WRIGHT COUNTY

Consumer Directed Community Support Expenditure Guide for CSP Effective 1/1/2011



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You can also refer to the Disability Services Program Manual (DSPM) at www.dhs.state.mn.us

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**Consumer Directed Community Support Service
Criteria for Allowable Expenditures**

The Purchase of goods and service must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Must be required to meet the identified needs and outcomes in the individual's community support plan and assures the health, safety and welfare of the individual; AND
2. Goods and services collectively provide a feasible alternative to an institution; AND
3. Be the least costly alternative that reasonable meets the individual's identified needs; AND
4. Be for the sole benefit of the individual

If all the above criteria are met, goods and services are appropriate when they are reasonably necessary to meet the following consumer outcomes:

- Maintain the ability of the individual to remain in the community;
- Enhance community inclusion and family involvement;
- Develop or maintain personal, social physical, or work related skills;
- Decrease dependency on formal support services
- Increase independence of the individual
- Increase the ability of unpaid family members and friends to receive training and education needed to provide support

Allowable Expenditures

Consumer directed community supports (CDCS) may include traditional goods and services provided by the waiver as well as alternatives that support recipients. There are four general categories of services which may be billed:

- Personal Assistance
- Treatment and training
- Environmental modifications and provisions
- Self direction support activates

Additionally, the following goods and services that may also be included in the individual's budgets include as long as they meet the criteria and fit into the above categories:

- Goods and services that augment State plan services or provided alternatives to waiver or State plan services
- Therapies, special diets and behavioral supports not otherwise available through the State plan that mitigate the individual's disability when prescribed by a physician who is enrolled as a MHCP provider
- Expenses related to the development and implementation of the community support plan
- Costs incurred to manage the individual's budget

Unallowable Expenditures

Goods and services that shall not be purchased within the individual's budget are:

- Services provided to people living in licensed foster care settings, settings licensed by DHS or MDH, or registered as a housing with services establishment;
- Services covered by the State plan, Medicare, or other liable third parties including education, home based schooling, and vocational services;
- Services, goods or supports provided to or benefiting persons other than the individual;
- Any fees incurred by the individual such as MHCP fees and copays, attorney costs or costs related to advocate agencies, with the exception of services provided as a Support Planner;
- Insurance except for insurance costs related to employee coverage;
- Room and board and personal items that are not related to the disability;
- Home modifications that adds any square footage;
- Home modifications for a residence other than the primary residence of the recipient or, in the event of a minor with parents not living together, the primary residences of the parents'
- Expenses for travel, lodging, or meals related to training the individual or his/her representative or paid or unpaid caregivers;
- Services provided to or by individuals, representatives, providers or caregivers that have at any time been assigned to the Primary Care Utilization and Review Program;
- Experimental treatments;
- Home-based schooling;
- Membership dues or costs, except for fitness and exercise programs for ADULTS ONLY;
- Vacation expenses other than the cost of direct services;
- Vehicle maintenance, does not include maintenance to; modifications related the disability;
- Tickets and related to attend sporting or other recreational events;
- Animals and their related costs;
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CDCS EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

*Expenditures require a Community Support Plan (CSP) approved by Wright County. Everything purchased must be related to the disability and outside of what is typical age appropriate parenting responsibility or typical spousal responsibility. CDCS budgets are determined by DHS and may vary depending upon type of waiver or grant, and assessment results. **Everything on the plan must be cost effective and within typical costs.***

Categories are:

- Personal Assistance
- Treatment and Training
- Environmental Modifications and Provisions
- Self Direction Support Activities
- Unallowed

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Camps as Caregiver Relief/Respite: Camps offer a variety of experiences and are also often used as caregiver break/respite and are fundable with a CSP. Camps must be disability-related.

Caregiver Relief/Respite - In Home:

- Family members who reside in the client's home may not provide daily caregiver relief/respite, unless the family member is NOT the primary caregiver AND the primary caregiver is away overnight. (Doesn't apply if Paid Parent of Minor)
- Caregiver break/respite services are NOT tax exempt.
- Unlicensed individuals providing caregiver relief/respite must be paid an hourly rate through the Agency with Choice or Payroll Model.

Caregiver Relief/Respite - Out of Home: Unlicensed individuals providing out-of-home caregiver relief/respite must be paid through the FSE via the Payroll or Agency with Choice model. FSE will provide 1099.

Day Care - Consider these things for approval:

- Day care costs are typical parenting responsibility for children under age 12. Day care is not considered typical parental responsibility for children ages 12 and over.
- Costs above and beyond typical parental responsibility are fundable.
- In instances where we would pay 1:1 staff, day care may be the most cost effective.

Peer Companion: May be allowed. Unavailable through Agency with Choice Model.

Support Staff

- **Parent of Minor Child:** Is fundable and is limited to 40 hours per week total for everyone paid, regardless of the number of children with disabilities and/or the number of parents being paid. Parents include biological parents, step parents and adoptive parents. Payment must be for tasks above and beyond typical age-appropriate parenting. Child must have at least one dependency of the “Minnesota Department of Human Services Supplemental Assessment for Children Under 18”. Parent must meet the staff qualifications, as described in the CSP. The CSP must include a work schedule and work tasks that are above and beyond typical parenting. The rate of pay, including payroll costs, cannot exceed the current rate allowed by the MN DHS for payment of PCA services.
- **Spouse of Client:** is fundable and is limited to 40 hours per week. Payment must be for tasks above and beyond typical spousal responsibility. Client must have at least one dependency. Spouse must meet the staff qualifications described in the CSP. The CSP must include a work schedule and work tasks. The rate of pay, including payroll costs, cannot exceed the current rate allowed by the MN DHS for payment of PCA services.
- **Age 14-16:** Agency with Choice company policies vary. Payroll Model and Fiscal Conduit may be allowed. Staff must be identified in the plan, meet the staff qualifications, as described in the CSP. Pay for staff must be minimum wage and up to a limit of \$12 per hour.
- **Family Members (non-parent/guardian/spouse) for Personal Care and/or Habilitation/Skill Building:** Is fundable. Family members must meet the staff qualifications, as described in the CSP. If a support staff is under age 18, this must be identified in the plan. FSE Employer Models vary in paying staff under 18 years old. Parents and guardians of minors who are being paid as a caregiver may not also be listed as a person who is providing the unpaid habilitation.
- **Formal for Personal Care (PCA Agency):** The staff person must meet the requirements in state law and meet the qualifications, as described in CSP. The formal PCA agency must be identified in the CSP.
- **Informal for Personal Care and/or Habilitation/Skill Building:** The staff person must meet the qualifications as described in the CSP. Pay for staff is within typical wages of \$10-\$15 per hour. If a support staff is under age 18, this must be identified in the plan. Paying support staff under 14 years old is unavailable through Agency with Choice Model.
- **Parent/Guardian of Adult Client for Personal Care and/or Habilitation/Skill Building:** Is fundable. The parent/guardian must meet the staff qualifications, as described in the CSP.

Support Travel Through an Agency as Caregiver Break/Respite: (Off the Beaten Path, Search Beyond, etc) Supported travel through an agency for staff support may be fundable as part of a CSP.

TREATMENT AND TRAINING

Alternative Therapy: Is non-experimental therapy (see Unallowable Category for definition of experimental) that is not covered by straight MA. Is allowed, when Form DHS-5788-ENG is filled out and signed by a Minnesota MA enrolled physician. The form must be attached to the CSP. Related equipment and supplies do not require a separate physician's prescription. The form must be reviewed annually.

Books and Subscriptions: Are allowed, when related to the client's disability and are needed to support an outcome in the CSP. Books for pleasure reading are not allowed.

Community Activities: Community activities that look very similar to recreation/leisure or socialization that are done in place of more formal MA or disability services may be fundable when specific outcomes are detailed in the Community Support Plan. Related staff time and mileage is fundable. Community activities specifically for individuals with disabilities (Special Olympics, Project Explore) are fundable. See "Community Purchasing Quick Reference Examples". See "Community Activities" in the Unallowable Category for what is not fundable. Activities NOT related to the disability that are typically paid by parents of non-disabled children are not allowed.

Community Education Classes: For documented needs, skill development is fundable when part of an approved plan. Exception: Classes related to fitness and exercise for minors is not allowed.

Day Programs: DTH, Supported Employment, Extended Employment, Sheltered Workshops, Enclaves, Adult Day Care are fundable.

Fitness and Exercise Programs for Adults: Are fundable, when necessary and appropriate to treat a physical condition or improve or maintain the client's physical conditions as identified in the CSP, and monitored by a MHCP-enrolled physician. A prescription is required to document care by a physician. The payment structure must be the most cost effective payment option depending on the client's actual and projected use. The CSP must delineate how the client will use the program and how the usage will be documented.

Formal Licensed Waiver Services: Are fundable. Costs are billed through the Fiscal Support Entity and the costs come out of the individual budget. Staff must meet the requirements in state law and the qualifications, as described in the CSP. State planned services (i.e. PCA, Home Care, and Skilled Nursing) are billed directly to Medical Assistance (MA) but the costs come out of the individual's budget.

Habilitation Activities/Skill Building: Are waiver fundable.

- Activities must be directed toward increasing and maintaining physical, intellectual, emotional, and/or social functioning.
- May include therapeutic activities assistance, training, supervision, and monitoring in the areas of self-care, sensory and motor development, interpersonal skills, communication, socialization, reduction or elimination of maladaptive behavior, community living and mobility, healthcare, leisure and recreation, money management, and household chores.
- For the DD waiver, habilitation activities need to be described clearly in the plan and must be used.
- Whenever the CSP includes activities that look like they should be paid for by the school, by parents of a minor, a spouse or when there are items that look very similar to recreation/leisure or socialization activities, a skill-building program needs to be clearly detailed in the CSP describing the needed skill and if renewal, based on outcomes of previous plans. See also “Community Purchasing Quick Reference Examples”.
- Things that are “unallowed”, such as tickets, food, and going to restaurants, may not be purchased even if they are used for habilitation purposes.

Support Staff

- **Family Member (Non-Parent/Guardian/Spouse) for Habilitation/Skill Building:** Is fundable. Family members must meet the staff qualifications, as described in the CSP. If a support staff is under age 18, this must be identified in the plan. Parents and guardians of minors who are being paid as a caregiver may not also be listed as a person who is providing the unpaid habilitation.
- **Informal for Habilitation/Skill Building:** The staff person must meet the qualifications as described in the CSP, as well as have duties relating to habilitation/skill building as specified in the CSP. If a support staff is under age 18, this must be identified in the plan.
- **Parent/Guardian of Adult Client for Habilitation/Skill Building:** Is fundable and is limited to 40 hours a week per parent/guardian. Parent/guardian must meet the staff qualifications, as described in the CSP.

Supported Employment: Is fundable.

Training for Caregiver: The registration fees for conferences, classes and workshops are fundable. Expenses for travel, lodging or meals related to training are not fundable.

Tutoring: Is fundable when it is above and beyond what school is required to provide based on the client’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS AND PROVISIONS

Adaptive Clothing: See “Clothing”

Adaptive Equipment: Is fundable, based on the disability. Adaptive equipment may include adaptive couches, chairs, tables, portable ramps, etc.

Adaptations to Homes: Adaptations to a person’s primary residence(s) or construction of a new primary residence may include, but are not limited to:

- Installation and maintenance of ramps, grab bars, and widening of doorways.
- Modifications of bathrooms and kitchens.
- Installation of electric or plumbing systems to accommodate medical equipment.
- Shatterproof windows.
- Floor coverings for allergenic or mobility purposes.
- Alarm systems/safety equipments to meet life safety and fire codes.
- The maximum amount for environmental accessibility adaptations is \$40,000 per year.
- See page 17 for additional funding information.

Alternative Therapy Supplies: When there is a prescribed approved alternative therapy in the CSP, related equipment and supplies are allowed and do not require a separate physician’s prescription.

Bed: Full cost of adaptive beds may be covered if denied by MA and other sources and necessary for the outcomes as indicated in the CSP.

Bed Linens: Only bed linens with an explanation of medical or behavioral need are fundable expenditures. See also “Property Damage”.

Behavioral Rewards/Reinforcers: Behavior rewards that look very similar to parental responsibility (such as toys, etc.) or recreational activities (videos, books) may be fundable with a structured behavior program, as described in detail in the CSP and by a behavioral professional. Informal behavior plans are not fundable. Things that are “unallowable”, such as tickets, food, going to restaurants or gift cards, may not be purchased as reinforcers.

Bikes: Are fundable only if they are adaptive. In the case of a minor child the family must cover the first \$100.

Books and Subscriptions: Are allowed when related to the client’s disability and are needed to support an outcome in the CSP. Books for pleasure reading are not allowed.

Car Washing Services: Only interior car washes with a justification are fundable and must be disability related. They cannot be due to normal ‘wear and tear’. See also “Property Damage”.

Chore/Housekeeping Services: Consider these things:

- Chore services, such as lawn mowing, snow removal and/or housekeeping, may be allowed when it enables the caregiver to support the client. If this same client lives in a home with an able teen, young adult or another parent, these services are considered typical family responsibilities and it should be expected that the family incur the costs.
- Only labor costs are allowed.
- Related supplies are not fundable unless disability related.
- IRS rules for reporting wages apply.

Clothing: Clothing purchased through a specialty store that has adaptations built into the clothes by design is fundable. Replacement clothing due to excessive wear and tear as related to the disability is waiver fundable as 'Property Damage'. Alterations to clothing, due to disability, are fundable.

Computers/iPads and Software/Applications:

- Including peripheral equipment (e.g. printer) are fundable.
- The limit for computers and their peripheral equipment is \$1000.
- When purchasing an iPad, only the non-WiFi-enabled model is allowable.
- Age appropriate educational programs are not allowable.
- Computer software and applications are allowable, when related to the client's disability.
- Adaptations required to enable the client to use the computer are fundable.
- Replacements for computers purchased with CDCS funds will be considered if computer is more than 4 years old.
- Use of the computer must be related to the CDCS plan and/or education plan.

Enteral/Nutritional Products: Restrictions apply. See DSPM.

Fences: Are fundable, when CSP documents state that it is needed for health and safety or as part of an outcome on the CSP. See page 17 for additional funding information. Fences are not fundable for children under the age of 4.

Habilitation Materials (Skill Building): Are fundable. Materials that look very similar to parental responsibility (such as toys, etc.) or recreational activities (videos, books) must be related to a skill building program that is described in detail in the CSP or in an attached Community Integration/Habilitation/Behavior Plan. (Things that are "unallowed", such as tickets, food, and going to restaurants, may not be purchased)

Home Modifications: See "Adaptations to Homes".

Laundry Costs: Extra supplies/utilities resulting from the person's disability are fundable. The all-inclusive cost of doing laundry is \$4 per load.

Maintenance/Repair: Of client's disability-related equipment is fundable.

Mileage Reimbursement to Parents of Adults and Support Staff: Is fundable. The amount per mile cannot exceed the county mileage reimbursement rate. Mileage must be documented. Not reimbursable to parents of minor children.

Parking Reimbursement to Parents of Adults, Support Staff (Includes Other Family Members): Is fundable, when related to the disability and included in the CSP. Not reimbursable to parents of minor children.

Personal Care Supplies that are Disability Related: And are above and beyond typical personal care supplies are fundable, as described in the CSP.

Property Damage: May be paid when directly related to the client's disability. Wear and tear related to the disability may be considered when replacing items. Sometimes a contribution towards replacement is most appropriate.

Ramps: Are fundable. They must be cost effective and be based on need. See page 17 for more funding information.

Safety Equipment: Such as alarms, monitors, and shatterproof windows are allowable expenditures. Ongoing monthly monitoring is fundable.

Sensory Supplies and Equipment: Are fundable, as described in the CSP.

Skill Building Materials: See "Habilitation Materials" in this section.

Special Diets: Are fundable, when prescribed by a physician who is enrolled as an MHCP provider (can bill MN's MA). The prescribing doctor must complete the Alternative Treatment form obtained by Social Worker. The MN Department of Human Services has designated a list of allowable special diets. No other diets or food items beyond this list are allowed:

- Anti-dumping diet
- Controlled protein diet (40-60 grams and requires special products)
- Controlled protein diet (less than 40 grams and requires special products)
- Gluten free diet
- High Protein diet
- High residue diet
- Hypoglycemic diet
- Ketogenic diet
- Lactose free diet
- Low cholesterol diet
- Pregnancy and lactation diet

Storage/Locked Cases: For specific equipment related to the disability are fundable.

Strollers: Adapted strollers are fundable. Typical strollers for babies and toddlers are parental responsibilities.

Swing Sets/Play Sets: For sensory and social skill building purposes are allowed, as described in the CSP. Must be disability related and adaptive.

Utilities: The waiver does not pay for room and board costs that are not related to the client's disability. If the client receives a social security benefit, extra utility costs due to the disability must be paid out of the client's monthly social security.

- To be considered for any reimbursement, overall costs for utilities must exceed the typical cost of the utilities for a home that size with that number of occupants and documented in the CSP.
- The costs for extra water/sewer, electric, heating, cooling, etc., must be documented and the method of determining the cost must be clearly identified in the CSP.
- An example includes the electricity used for durable medical supplies used to sustain life.

Vehicle Adaptations: Such as lifts, ramps, and tie downs are fundable. The adaptations are based on needs, as described in the CSP. See page 17 for additional funding information.

Warranties: Are fundable, if cost effective and the need is described in the CSP.

Wheelchairs: Are fundable, if not covered by MA or other insurance, and when needed, as described in the CSP.

SELF DIRECTION SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Agency with Choice Fees: Are fundable

Employee Health Insurance: Is fundable when cost effective and meets community standards. For paid parents of minor children health insurance costs must be deducted from the maximum rate.

Employer Costs: Employer costs such as payroll FICA, FUTA, SUTA, Workers' Compensation, wages, employer shares of benefits, and liability insurance are fundable. Processing fees are fundable.

Fiscal Support Entity Fees: Are fundable.

Payroll Model Fees: Are fundable.

Specialist Service (for DD Waiver): Must be approved by the County as a service under the DD waiver. The specialist must be a QMRP and have duties needed and described within the CSP and are duties that are above and beyond what a support planner can do. Hiring, recruiting and training staff are not within the scope of a specialist service. Consultations may include taking a person to an appointment for coordination program development.

Staff Recruitment: Advertisement costs incurred to find staff is fundable.

Support Planning by Parents of Adults: Is allowed if parent of an adult is certified by the State as a Support Planner. If being paid as the support planner, the parent cannot also be paid as staff. Parents of minors are not allowed to be paid as a support planner. A support planner may hire, recruit and model staff expectations. Direct care is not in the scope of a support planner.

Support Planner: Is fundable and may be purchased from the County, another individual or agency, or not purchased at all. Support Planners must be certified by the state. A support planner may hire, recruit and model staff expectations. Direct care is not in the scope of a support planner.

UNALLOWED

- **Advocacy Services**
- **Babysitting:** Is a parental responsibility. See “Day Care”.
- **Cable Television**
- **Cell Phone/Prepaid Phone Cards**
- **Community Activities:** Memberships to the Zoo, Science Museum or fitness centers for minors, etc. are not fundable. Restaurant food is never allowable. Tickets to sporting events, plays, movies, etc. are not allowable. Activities not related to the disability that are typically paid by parents of non-disabled children are not fundable. (See “Community Purchasing Quick Reference Examples”)
- **Compounds:** Compounds are defined as prescriptions prepared in accordance with Minnesota Rules 6800.3100. Compounded prescriptions are not commercially available.
- **Dietary Supplements:** Dietary supplements, like vitamins, are considered over the counter medications. Supplements are not fundable even with a prescription. Some dietary supplements may be covered by Medical Assistance. See “Enteral/Nutritional Products”.
- **Educational Costs:** are not fundable when client is still enrolled in school. The school is considered financially responsible. See “Habilitation Activities/Materials”. For educational costs for caregivers, see “Training for Caregiver”. Post secondary school tuition is not fundable. See “Tutoring”.
- **Experimental Treatments and Therapy:** Experimental Treatment is defined as “drugs, therapies, or treatments that are unproven, have been confined largely to laboratory use, or have progressed to limited human application and trials, and lack wide recognition from the scientific community as a proven and effective measure or treatment”. Using the Alternative Treatment form lets the MD answer whether or not it is experimental or alternative. See “Alternative Therapy” under “Treatment and Training”.
- **Experimental Treatment and Therapy Supplies**
- **Fitness and Exercise Programs, Minors (Under 18)**
- **Food:** The waiver does not pay for room and board. See “Special Diets”.
- **Food Thickeners**
- **Furniture:** The waiver does not pay for basic furniture. Also see “Property Damage”.
- **Gift Cards as Reinforcers**
- **Guardianship/Conservatorship Costs**
- **Health and Fitness Activities for Minors:** This includes fitness club annual memberships, day passes, swimming lessons and the like.
- **Home Schooling Costs:** Education is considered the school’s financial responsibility. If the participant is home schooled, any educational items on the CSP requires a home school plan to determine whether any cost is fundable.
- **Insurance:** Is not fundable except for insurance costs related to employee coverage.
- **Internet**
- **Legal Fees:** See “Wills/Trusts”.

- **Medical Co-Pays:** Including MA, PMAP (Prepaid Medical Assistance) and private insurance are not fundable.
- **Medical Mileage:** May be fundable through straight MA.
- **Memberships: Zoo, Science Museum, Arc, etc.**
- **Mileage Out of State for Recreational and Leisure Purposes**
- **Mileage Reimbursements to Parents of Minors**
- **Mileage Reimbursement to Spouses**
- **Over the Counter Medications:** Are not fundable, even with a prescription from a MHCP enrolled physician.
- **Pagers**
- **Parking Reimbursement to Parents of Minors**
- **Parking Reimbursement to Spouses**
- **Personal Care Supplies not Disability Related**
- **Pets/Animals and Related Costs:** Including service animals are not fundable.
- **Prescriptions**
- **Recreational/Leisure Activities:** See “Community Activities”.
- **Room and Board**
- **Solutions:** Solutions are dose forms of prescriptions or over the counter medications available either commercially or compounded individually by a pharmacist. Examples are: irrigating solutions, wound care solutions, solutions made from tablets or capsules for those who can’t swallow a tablet or capsule.
- **Support Planning by Parents of Minors/Spouses**
- **Support Staff When Client is Out of United States:** Waiver services must be provided in the United States.
- **Training for Caregiver/Related Expenses:** Lodging, meals and travel related to training are not fundable.
- **Tuition:** To any private school or institution of higher learning is not waiver fundable.
- **Vacation Expenses:** See “Supported Travel as Caregiver Break/Respite”.
- **Vehicles/Vehicle Repairs** See “Vehicle Adaptations”.
- **Vitamins/Supplements:** Are not fundable, even if prescribed by a physician who is enrolled as an MHCP provider (can bill MN MA).
- **Wills and Trusts**

ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS AND EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

Environmental Modifications (Modifications and Adaptations) Service under a Waiver

The DHS Disability Services Program Manual allows for the modification/adaptation of a person's primary residence or vehicle and purchase of adaptive equipment if the following four principles are met. The modification/adaptation or equipment items:

1. Are necessary for the health, welfare and safety of the person.
2. Enable the person to function with greater independence.
3. Are of direct and specific benefit due to the person's disability.
4. Is the most cost effective solution.

An assessment is required to determine/evaluate need and appropriate modification and/or adaptation.

For items over \$1,000, two bids must be provided.

The waiver is able to reimburse the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repairs of environmental modifications and equipment, provided that the repairs are cost efficient compared to the replacement of the item(s).

CDCS Service and Environmental Modifications Services Combined

Clients accessing CDCS through the CAC, CADI, TBI, DD, and EW waivers, or AC Grant must utilize their individual CDCS budget to cover up to \$5000 worth of modifications/adaptations or equipment in their budget year. If items cost more than \$5000, the client may request that Wright County approve further expenditures outside of their individual budget when the items meet the definition of 'Environmental Modifications and Provisions' under the waiver as stated above. The County will approve requests based on the current status of total waiver expenditures.

Purchasing Environmental Modifications/Adaptations and Equipment through your CDCS Service

With CDCS, the waiver may be used to purchase items beyond those described previously. They must be part of an approved Community Support Plan (CSP) that includes sufficient documentation and rationale. This would include justification using the four principles listed above.

Items That Cannot Be Purchased Using Any Waiver Service

- Supplies covered by MA State plan.
- Adaptations with no direct medical or remedial benefit to the person.
- Adaptations that add to the total square footage of the home. The 2009 Legislative Session did add language that allows for adding space for bathroom modifications only and only under certain circumstances. See DSPM.

COMMUNITY PURCHASING QUICK REFERENCE EXAMPLES

All purchases must be related to the disability/condition of the client, be above and beyond normal expectations for parents of minor (under age 18) children or spousal responsibilities, and be part of an approved Community Support Plan.

	CAN CDCS PAY FOR CLIENT EXPENSES	CAN CDCS PAY STAFF ACTIVITY COST?	CAN CDCS PAY STAFF WAGES?	CAN CDCS PAY FOR STAFF MILEAGE?
Tickets to a movie, play, sporting event	NO. Tickets not allowed	NO	YES	YES
Going to a restaurant	NO. Even when part of habilitation plan. No food allowed.	NO	YES	YES
Activity memberships for minors (MN Zoo, Science Museum)	NO. No memberships allowed, even with a prescription.	NO	YES, to take someone who has personally purchased a membership.	YES, to take someone who has personally purchased a membership.
Fitness and exercise activity memberships for adults	YES, with doctor's prescription. See Expenditure Guide for details.	NO	YES	YES
Other memberships for adults (Zoo, Science Museum)	NO	NO	YES	YES
Organization memberships (Arc, Autism Society, Pacer)	NO	NO	Not applicable	Not applicable
Community Ed classes (excluding fitness and exercise related for minors)	YES, when part of an approved plan.	NO	YES	YES
Adapted sports and related adaptive equipment	YES, when part of an approved plan.	NO	YES	YES
Swim lessons, ski lessons and other health and fitness activities for minors and related adaptive equipment	Only a 1:1 cost above the cost of the activity for all participants to allow for inclusive participation, when part of an approved plan. Only equipment that is disability related and is not typically used by other activity participants is fundable.	NO	YES	YES
Horseback riding therapy, music therapy	YES, with a doctor's order when part of an approved plan.	Not applicable	YES	YES