

Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Taxonomy

The following table defines categories and services in the HCBS Taxonomy, approved by CMS in August 2012. This version is based on Version 2 of the draft HCBS Taxonomy, which was jointly submitted by Truven Health Analytics (formerly the Healthcare Business of Thomson Reuters) and Mathematica Policy Research in April 2011. Truven Health made additional changes based on a pilot conducted with 12 states and nine CMS Central and Regional Office staff and feedback from CMS staff and associations that represent state agencies that manage and offer HCBS.

To acknowledge state variation, services and categories are defined based on the minimum definition necessary to establish mutually distinct categories and services. Some services are defined in part by characteristics that are NOT in that service. For example, the difference between companion services and personal care is that companion services do not include assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, eating, and toileting.

Some of the services reflected below, including, but not limited to personal care, case management, home health aide, and physician services, may (and in some case, must) also be covered under the Medicaid State Plan. The definitions below only define these services for purposes of Section 1915(c) Waivers and the State Plan Home and Community-Based Services benefit authorized by Section 1915(i). States interested in reflecting services as “extended state plan” services must offer them in accordance with state plan service definitions. Consult with the CMS Division of Benefits and Coverage in those instances to ensure definition alignment.

The services and categories are arranged in order of consideration for placing a particular state service in the taxonomy. If one is not sure how to map a state’s service to the taxonomy, one should first consider Case Management, then Round-the-Clock Services, then Supported Employment, etc.

Category	Sub-Category (where applicable)	Service	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
01 Case Management				The development of a comprehensive, written individualized support plan. In addition, case management often includes assisting people in gaining access to necessary services, assessment of a person's needs, ongoing monitoring of service provision and/or a person's health and welfare, assistance in accessing supports to transition from an institutional setting (but not the transition services themselves); and development of a 24-hour individual back-up plan with formal and informal supports.
		01010 case management	care management supports coordination	Same definition as category 01.

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02 Round-the-Clock Services	0201 group living			Services by a provider that has round-the-clock responsibility for the health and welfare of residents, except during the time other services (e.g., day services) are furnished. If these services are provided in a 1915(c) waiver, the state must complete Appendix G-3 of the 1915(c) waiver application regarding medication management and administration.
			assisted living group home services	Round-the-clock services provided in a residence that is NOT a person's home or apartment or a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services
		02011 group living, residential habilitation		Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills by a provider with round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare in a residence that is NOT a person's own home or apartment or a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services.
		02012 group living, mental health services		Mental health services by a provider with round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare in a residence that is NOT a person's own home or apartment or a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services.
		02013 group living, other		Health and social services not identified elsewhere in subcategory 0201 by a provider with round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare in a residence that is NOT a person's own home or apartment or a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services.
	0202 shared living		adult foster care family living host homes	Round-the-clock services provided in a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services.
		02021 shared living, residential habilitation		Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills provided in a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services and has round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare.

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	0203 in-home round-the-clock services	02022 shared living, mental health services	supported living	Mental health services provided in a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services and has round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare.
		02023 shared living, other		Health and social services not identified elsewhere in subcategory 0202 provided in a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services and has round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare.
		02031 in-home residential habilitation		Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills provided in a person's home or apartment where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare.
		02032 in-home round-the-clock mental health services		Mental health services provided in a person's home or apartment where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare.
		02033 in-home round-the-clock services, other		Health and social services not identified elsewhere in subcategory 0203 provided in a person's home or apartment where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare.
03 Supported Employment	0301 job development	03010 job development		Assistance to help a person obtain or maintain paid employment or self-employment.
	0302 ongoing supported employment			Assistance to locate and obtain paid employment or self-employment.
		03021 ongoing supported employment, individual		Assistance to maintain paid employment or self-employment.
				Assistance to maintain self-employment or paid employment in an individual job placement (i.e., person is working with people without disabilities).

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		03022 ongoing supported employment, group		Assistance to maintain paid employment in a group placement (i.e., person is working on a team of people with disabilities).
	0303 career planning	03030 career planning		Focused, time-limited assistance to identify a career direction and develop a plan to achieve employment.
04 Day Services				Services other than supported employment typically provided outside the person's home during the working day (i.e., Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.). These services provide a range of supports and are often, but not always, provided on a regularly scheduled basis at a site specifically established to provide day services.
		04010 prevocational services		Time-limited services to provide learning and work experiences, including volunteer work, to acquire general skills that help a person obtain paid employment in integrated community settings.
		04020 day habilitation		Regularly scheduled activities in settings separate from the participant's residence, including assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills. This service includes community-based volunteer activities that include acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills. This service can include the supports offered in adult day health, adult day services (social model), and community integration if these supports are provided along with assistance in acquiring, retraining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills.
		04030 education services		Services to help a person access post-secondary education.
		04040 day treatment/ partial hospitalization		Services necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of the person's mental illness provided in a fixed site facility during the working day.
		04050 adult day health		Skilled health services and other support services, NOT including habilitation (i.e., assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills), provided to adults in a fixed site facility during the working day. This service can include the supports offered in adult day services (social model) if these supports are provided along with skilled health services.

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		04060 adult day services (social model)	escort	Support services, NOT including skilled health services and not including habilitation (i.e., assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills), provided to adults in a fixed site facility during the working day.
		04070 community integration		Assistance in participating in community activities, NOT including assistance with activities of daily living or assistance in acquiring, retraining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills. This service can include supports furnished in the person's residence related to community participation.
		04080 medical day care for children		Medical services beyond typical day care responsibilities provided during the working day for infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children.
05 Nursing				Services within the scope of the state's nurse practices act provided by a licensed nurse.
		05010 private duty nursing		Licensed nursing services provided on a continuous or full-time basis (e.g., for more than 4 consecutive hours per day and for more than 60 days). This service can include the supports offered in health assessment, health monitoring, and medication assessment if the service also includes other services within the scope of the state's nurse practices act.
		05020 skilled nursing		Licensed nursing services provided on a part-time or intermittent basis. This service can include the supports offered in health assessment, health monitoring, and medication assessment if the service also includes other services within the scope of the state's nurse practices act.
06 Home delivered meals				Prepared meals sent to a person's home, which may not comprise a full nutritional regimen.
		06010 home delivered meals		Same definition as category 06.
07 Rent and Food Expenses for Live-In Caregiver				Payment for the additional costs of rent and food that can be attributed to an unrelated direct support worker living with the person. This service does not include payment for the direct support worker's services, which may be covered as part of other services such as personal care.

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		07010 rent and food expenses for live-in caregiver		Same definition as category 07.
08 Home-Based Services		08010 home-based habilitation	supported living (provided on an hourly basis)	Services that support a person in his or her home or apartment, when the provider does not have round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare. These services can be provided in other community settings, but are primarily furnished in a person's home or apartment. Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills provided in the person's home when the provider does NOT have round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare. This service can include the supports offered in community integration, home health aide, personal care, companion, and homemaker if these supports are provided along with assistance in acquiring, retraining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills.
		08020 home health aide		Assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) and/or health-related tasks provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings that are supervised by a registered nurse or licensed therapist and provided by a licensed home health agency. Home health aide may include assistance with instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs). Home health aide may include the supports offered in companion and homemaker if these supports are provided along with assistance with ADLs and/or health-related tasks. Home health aide does NOT include habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
		08030 personal care	attendant care personal assistance personal attendant services	Assistance with ADLs and/or health-related tasks provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings, NOT including both provision by a licensed home health agency and a requirement for supervision by a licensed nurse or therapist. Personal care may include assistance with IADLs. Personal care may include the supports offered in companion and homemaker if these supports are provided along with assistance with ADLs and/or health-related tasks. Personal care does NOT include habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).

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		08040 companion	adult companion night supervision	Supervision and/or social support provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings. Companion may also include performance of light housekeeping tasks (the supports offered in homemaker). Companion does NOT include assistance with ADLs or habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
		08050 homemaker		Performance of light housekeeping tasks provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings NOT including supervision and social support, assistance with ADLs, or habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
		08060 chore		Performance of heavy household chores provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings NOT including supervision and social support, assistance with ADLs, or habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
09 Caregiver Support				Assistance to people who provide ongoing support to the person with a disability when assisting the support person is the primary purpose of the service. In most cases, the support person is unpaid. However, respite can be provided to relieve providers who furnish shared living.
	0901 respite			Short-term services provided because a support person is absent or needs relief when relieving the support person is the primary purpose of the service.
		09011 respite, out-of-home		Short-term services provided because a support person is absent or needs relief NOT provided in a person's home or apartment when relieving the support person is the primary purpose of the service.
		09012 respite, in-home		Short-term services provided because a support person is absent or needs relief provided in a person's home or apartment when relieving the support person is the primary purpose of the service.
	0902 caregiver counseling and/or training	09020 caregiver counseling and/or training		Counseling, emotional support, and/or training provided to a family member or friend providing support when providing counseling or training to the support person is the primary purpose of the service. Examples of training topics include a) skills to provide specific treatment regimens or help the person improve function, b) information about the person's disability or conditions, and c) navigation of the service system.

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10 Other Mental Health and Behavioral Services				Services NOT identified in previous categories that support people in improving or maintaining mental or behavioral health.
		10010 mental health assessment		Assessment or evaluation of mental health status when the assessment is the primary purpose of the service. This service can include medication assessment if the assessment includes other mental health information.
		10020 assertive community treatment		A range of mental health supports characterized by assertive engagement of the person, availability 24 hours a day, and support by an interdisciplinary team.
		10030 crisis intervention	crisis support	Response to stabilize a person exhibiting behavior that puts the person at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization.
		10040 behavior support	behavior analysis behavior therapy	Services specifically to encourage positive behaviors and to decrease challenging behaviors, including a) assessment to identify antecedents to behaviors and b) development of a plan to improve behaviors.
		10050 peer specialist	peer support	Mental health support services provided by a trained and credentialed person with a mental illness.
		10060 counseling		Individual or group therapy to develop coping skills or improve mental health function.
		10070 psychosocial rehabilitation		Assistance to improve or restore function in ADLs, IADLs, and social or adaptive skills NOT identified in previous categories or services.
		10080 clinic services		Services for individuals with chronic mental illness furnished in a clinic or based in a clinic NOT identified in previous categories or services.
11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services		10090 other mental health and behavioral services		Services NOT identified elsewhere in category 10 that support people in improving or maintaining mental or behavioral health.
		11010 health monitoring		Ongoing monitoring of physical health status when monitoring is the primary purpose of the service. This service can include medication monitoring if other aspects of a person's health also are monitored.

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		11020 health assessment		Assessment or evaluation of physical health status when the assessment is the primary purpose of the service. This service can include medication assessment if the assessment includes other health information.
		11030 medication assessment and/or management		Assessment of medication administration and/or possible drug interactions—and/or oversight of ongoing medication administration—when the management of medications is the primary purpose of the service.
		11040 nutrition consultation		Assistance to a person to help him or her plan and implement changes to nutritional intake.
		11050 physician services		Services by a licensed physician. This service can include health assessment, medication assessment, and/or mental health assessment if other physician services are also provided.
		11060 prescription drugs		Prescription drugs.
		11070 dental services		Services by a licensed dentist.
		11080 occupational therapy		Services by a licensed occupational therapist.
		11090 physical therapy		Services by a licensed physical therapist.
		11100 speech, hearing, and language therapy		Services by a licensed speech, hearing, and language therapist. This service includes services by a speech pathologist or a qualified audiologist.
		11110 respiratory therapy		Services by a licensed respiratory therapist.
		11120 cognitive rehabilitative therapy		Assistance to manage or restore cognitive function.
		11130 other therapies		Therapeutic interventions to maintain or improve function NOT identified in previous categories or services. This service includes specialized interventions such as those using art, music, dance, or trained animals.

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12 Services Supporting Participant Direction				Services that assist a person and/or his or her representative in managing participant-directed services, as identified in the Participant Direction of Services section of the 1915(c) waiver or 1915(i) State Plan Amendment application.
		12010 financial management services in support of participant direction		Assistance to help a person and/or representative manage participant-directed services by a) performing financial tasks to facilitate the employment of staff; b) managing the disbursement of funds in a participant-directed budget; and/or c) performing fiscal accounting and making expenditure reports to the person, representative, and/or state authorities.
		12020 information and assistance in support of participant direction		Training the person and/or representative in directing or managing services. Topics include: a) the person's rights and responsibilities in participant direction; b) recruiting and hiring staff; c) managing staff and solving problems regarding services; and d) managing a participant-directed budget.
13 Participant Training				Training provided to a participant when training the participant is the primary purpose of the service. Topics may include: a) specific treatment regimens, b) the person's disability or condition, and c) navigation of the service system.
		13010 participant training		The same definition as category 13.
14 Equipment, Technology, and Modifications				Material goods to help a person improve or maintain function.
	1401 personal emergency response system (PERS)	14010 personal emergency response system (PERS)		Devices that enable participants to signal a response center to secure help in an emergency. This service can include installation, maintenance, and monthly response center fees.
	1402 home and/or vehicle accessibility adaptations	14020 home and/or vehicle accessibility adaptations	home and/or vehicle modifications	Physical changes to a private residence, automobile, or van, to accommodate the participant or improve his or her function.
	1403 equipment, technology, and supplies			The purchase or rent of items, devices, product systems, and/or disposable medical supplies.

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		14031 equipment and technology	assistive technology specialized medical equipment	The purchase or rent of items, devices, or product systems to increase or maintain a person's functional status. This service can include designing, fitting, adapting, and maintaining equipment, as well as training or technical assistance to use equipment.
		14032 supplies		The purchase of disposable medical supplies, including nutritional supplements.
15 Non-Medical Transportation				Transportation not provided as part of another service such as a round-the-clock service or a day service. This service may include: a) transportation to and from other waiver services; b) transportation to community activities where waiver services are not provided; and/or c) the purchase of public transit tokens or passes.
		15010 non-medical transportation		Same definition as category 15.
16 Community Transition Services				Non-recurring set-up expenses for moving to a residence where the person is responsible for living expenses.
		16010 community transition services		Same definition as category 16.
17 Other Services				Services NOT identified in previous categories.
		17010 goods and services	Individually directed goods and services	Services, equipment, or supplies in the person's support plan NOT otherwise provided in the Medicaid program.
		17020 interpreter		Services provided by an individual to support communication by someone who has limited English proficiency or verbal skills, such as a sign language interpreter or communicator.
		17030 housing consultation		Information and assistance to help a person identify and select housing.
		17990 other		Services NOT identified in previous categories and services.