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Guideline	Community Transition Services/Nursing Facility Transition to a Home	Guideline #	UM_CSS 01
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COVERAGE POLICY

- A. Community Transition Services/Nursing Facility Transition to a Home helps individuals live in the community and avoid further institutionalization.
- B. Community Transition Services/Nursing Facility Transition to a Home covers nonrecurring setup expenses for individuals who are transitioning from a licensed facility to a living arrangement in a private residence where the person is directly responsible for his or her own living expenses.
- C. Allowable expenses are those necessary to enable a person to establish a basic household that do not constitute room and board and include:
 - 1. Assessing the Member’s housing needs and presenting options. For additional information, refer to UM Subcommittee Approved Authorization Guidelines, Housing Transition/Navigation Services and Housing Tenancy/Sustaining Services.
 - 2. Assisting in searching for and securing housing, including the completion of housing applications and securing required documentation (e.g., Social Security card, birth certificate, prior rental history).
 - 3. Communicating with the landlord (if applicable) and coordinating the move.
 - 4. Establishing procedures and contacts to retain housing.
 - 5. Identifying, coordinating, securing, or funding non-emergency, nonmedical transportation to assist Members’ mobility to ensure reasonable accommodations and access to housing options prior to transition and on move-in day.
 - 6. Identifying the need for and coordinating funding for environmental modifications to install necessary accommodations for accessibility. For additional information, refer to UM Subcommittee Approved Authorization Guidelines Environmental Accessibility Adaptations and/or Asthma Remediation.
 - 7. Identifying the need for and coordinating funding for services and modifications necessary to enable a person to establish a basic household refers to funding that does not constitute room and board such as:
 - i. Security deposits required to obtain a lease on an apartment or home;
 - ii. Setup fees for utilities or service access;
 - iii. First-month coverage of utilities, including telephone, electricity, heating, and water;
 - iv. Funds for services necessary for the individual’s health and safety, such as pest eradication and one-time cleaning prior to occupancy;
 - v. Funds for home modifications, such as an air conditioner or heater;

COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- A. Community Transition Services do not include monthly rental or mortgage expense, food, regular utility charges, and/or household appliances or items that are intended for purely diversionary/recreational purposes.
- B. Community Transition Services are payable up to a total lifetime maximum amount of \$7,500.00. The only exception to the \$7,500.00 total maximum is if the Member is compelled to move from a Provider-operated living arrangement to a living arrangement in a private residence through circumstances beyond his or her control.
- C. Community Transition Services must be necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the Member, and without which the Member would be unable to move to the private residence and would then require continued or re-institutionalization.
- D. Individuals may not be receiving duplicative support from other State, local, or federally funded programs, which should always be considered first, before using Medi-Cal funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

CLINICAL/REGULATORY RESOURCE

CalAIM is an initiative by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal beneficiaries. A key feature of CalAIM is the introduction of a menu of In Lieu of Services (ILOS), medically appropriate and cost-effective alternatives to services covered under the State Plan. Federal regulation allows states to permit Medicaid managed care organizations to offer ILOS as an option to Members (Code of Federal Regulations).

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Institutionalization – the state of being placed or kept in a residential institution.

REFERENCES

State of California-Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Health Care Services, 2021. Medi-Cal In Lieu of Services (ILOS) Policy Guide, III. In Lieu of Services-Service Definitions.

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