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9 CSR 45-3.010 Individualized Habilitation Plan Procedures

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes procedures for development and implementation of individualized habilitation plans for all individuals receiving services from the Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the material which is so incorporated is on file with the agency who filed this rule, and with the Office of the Secretary of State. Any interested person may view this material at either agency’s headquarters or the same will be made available at the Office of the Secretary of State at a cost not to exceed actual cost of copy reproduction. The entire text of the rule is printed here. This note refers only to the incorporated by reference material.

(1) Terms defined in sections 630.005 and 633.005, RSMo are incorporated by reference for use in this rule. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

(A) Assessment—the process of gathering information about a client for use by the interdisciplinary team as a basis for the client’s individualized habilitation plan (IHP);

(B) IHP amendment—documentation of an interdisciplinary team’s change in an IHP at a time other than the time of annual review;

(C) Interdisciplinary team—the client, the client’s designated representative(s), the case manager or qualified mental retardation professional, and representatives of services required or desired by the client;

(D) Qualified mental retardation professional (QMRP)—a person with qualifications, training and experience as defined in 42 CFR 483.430; and

(E) Reassessment—data obtained from training programs, results of screenings and formal or informal assessments completed since the previous interdisciplinary team meeting.

(2) Every individual receiving services from the division shall have an IHP.

(A) The interdisciplinary team shall develop an IHP within thirty (30) days after the individual has been found eligible for services.

(B) The IHP shall be based upon a comprehensive, functional evaluation of individual needs. It shall define the individual’s current level of independence, identify the projected level of independence that the individual is expected to achieve and describe objectives to reach that level.

(C) The interdisciplinary team shall ensure completion of the following steps to efficiently plan, implement and monitor the IHP:

(1) terms mean:

(D) The case manager or QMRP shall regularly monitor implementation of the IHP.

(A) The case manager or QMRP shall periodically observe each individual during implementation of the IHP.

(B) Each month the case manager or QMRP shall monitor every IHP which prescribes residential services or contains habilitative objectives to determine if services are being delivered as planned and, to assure that progress is being made.

(C) At least annually, the case manager or QMRP shall review each IHP which prescribes nonhabilitative services only.

(5) The case manager or QMRP may make changes in IHP objectives only with prior approval of the interdisciplinary team. Addition of training objectives and deletion of training and service objectives also require prior team approval. Addition of service objectives requires notification of the team. The case manager or QMRP may make changes in training plans or methods to assure progress toward achievement of objectives. Any amendment to the IHP shall be documented in the individual’s record.

(6) Division facilities shall prescribe services in an eligible individual’s IHP or IHP amendment before the services are authorized, delivered or purchased.

(7) The division facility may authorize emergency residential services, respite care or crisis intervention for up to thirty (30) days without prior approval of the interdisciplinary team.

(8) Each division facility shall develop a policy for implementing the IHP process.


*Original authority: 630.655, RSMo 1980.

9 CSR 45-3.020 Individualized Supported Living Services—Definitions

(Rescinded June 30, 2016)


9 CSR 45-3.030 Individual Rights

PURPOSE: This rule defines the rights of persons eligible for services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division of DD).

(1) All individuals served by the Division of DD shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges without limitation, unless otherwise provided by law:

(A) To be treated with respect and dignity as a human being;

(B) To have the same legal rights and responsibilities as any other citizen;

(C) To receive services regardless of race, creed, marital status, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or age;

(D) To be free from physical, emotional, sexual, and verbal abuse, and financial exploitation;

(E) To receive services and supports to achieve the maximum level of independence;

(F) To have access to all rules, policies, and procedures governing the operations of the Division of DD in an accessible format, and to have those rules, policies, and procedures explained in a manner that is easily understood;

(G) Within one’s financial means, to have a choice where to live and whether or not to
share a home with other people;  
(H) To direct one's own person-centered planning process and to choose others to be included in that process;  
(I) To participate fully in the community;  
(J) To communicate in any form and to have privacy of communications;  
(K) To accept or decline supports and services;  
(L) To have freedom of choice among Division of DD approved providers;  
(M) To seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings;  
(N) To participate or decline participation in any study or experiment;  
(O) To choose where to go to church or place of worship, or to refuse to go to a church or place of worship;  
(P) To have rights, services, supports, and clinical records regarding services explained in a manner that is easily understood and in an accessible format;  
(Q) To have all of an individual’s records maintained in a confidential manner;  
(R) To report any violation of one’s rights free from retaliation and without fear of retaliation; and  
(S) To be informed on how to make an inquiry, file a complaint or report a violation of one’s rights, and to be assisted in these processes, if requested.

(2) Adults who do not have a legal guardian have the right to designate a representative to act on one’s behalf for purposes of receiving services from the Division of DD.

(3) An individual’s rights as outlined in section one (1) may not be restricted, including, but not limited to, by a provider of targeted case management or home and community based services, without due process. Due process under this provision includes the right to be notified and heard on the limitation or restriction, the right to be assisted through external advocacy if an individual disagrees with the limitation or restriction, and the right to be informed of available options to restore the individual’s rights.

**9 CSR 45-3.040 Rights of Designated Representatives, Parents, and Guardians**

**PURPOSE:** This rule prescribes policies for designation of representatives and recognition of certain rights of designated representatives, parents, and guardians of individuals receiving services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division of DD).  

(1) Definitions.  
(A) Designated representative—a parent, relative, or other person designated by an adult who does not have a guardian. The designated representative may participate in the person-centered planning process and development of the individual support plan at the request of, and as directed by, the individual.  
(B) Circle of support—team supporting the individual and participating in the person-centered planning process.  
(C) Person-centered planning process—a process directed by the individual, with the inclusion of a circle of support created by or with the individual, which may include a guardian, public administrator, the individual, and/or persons freely chosen by the individual who are able to serve as important contributors to the process. The person-centered planning process enables and assists the individual to access a personalized mix of paid and non-paid services and supports that will assist him/her to achieve personally defined outcomes. These trainings, supports, therapies, treatments, and/or other services will become part of the individualized support plan.  
(D) Individual Support Plan (ISP)—A document that results from the person centered planning process, which identifies the strengths, capacities, preferences, needs, and personal outcomes of the individual. The ISP includes a personalized mix of paid and non-paid services and supports that will assist the person to achieve personally defined outcomes.  

(2) The Division of DD shall recognize that the ISP process is directed by the individual and their circle of support. Parents and legal guardians, who are willing and able to exercise their rights, may participate in person-centered planning, development, and implementation of the ISP, and/or referral as set out in this rule.

(3) As set out in section 633.110, RSMo, parents of minor children and youth and legal guardians have the right to approve or refuse supports or placement of their children or wards.

(4) Adults who have not been declared legally incapacitated may give their written consent for parents, relatives, or other persons to serve as their designated representative to advocate for and advise, guide, and encourage the individual and members of the individual support plan team in developing and implementing individual support plans. Written consent for designated representatives shall include written authorization to disclose protected health information.  

(A) In accordance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, and departmental policy, the consent shall authorize the designated representatives’ access to those individual records specified by the individual and for periods of time specified by the individual.  
(B) Designated representatives shall not have the right to approve or refuse referral, support, or placement of individuals and should act as the individual’s advocate against or in support of recommended changes.  
(C) Individuals may revoke their consent in writing at any time and the Division of DD and all parties responsible for the implementation of the ISP shall recognize the revocations immediately.  
(D) Written consents and revocations shall be maintained in the individual’s ISP and copies shall be given to designated representatives.

**AUTHORITY:** section 630.050, RSMo 2016.  


**9 CSR 45-3.050 Admission and Treatment of Clients with Aggressive Behaviors**  
(Rescinded September 30, 2002)

**AUTHORITY:** section 630.050, RSMo 1994.  


**9 CSR 45-3.060 Services for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
(1) Terms defined in sections 630.005, 633.005, and 633.220, RSMo are incorporated by reference for use in this rule. Also, the following terms mean:
(A) Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)—a group of neurodevelopmental disorders characterized by persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction across multiple contexts as well as by restricted, repetitive patterns of behaviors, interests, or activities. Symptoms of ASD must be present in the early developmental period and cause significant impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.
(B) Family support—services and helping relationships for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing family caregiving. Family support may be any combination of services that enable individuals with autism to reside within their family homes and remain integrated within their communities. Family support services are—
1. Based on individual and family needs;
2. Easily accessible for the family;
3. Family-centered and culturally sensitive;
4. Flexible and varied to meet the changing needs of the family members;
5. Identified by the family; and
6. Provided in a timely manner contingent upon availability of resources; and
(C) Service provider—a person or an entity which provides and receives reimbursement for autism programs and services as specified in section (3) of this rule.

(2) The Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division of DD) shall establish programs and services for persons with autism. The Division of DD shall establish such programs and services in conjunction with persons with ASD and their families. The programs and services shall be designed to enhance the abilities of persons with autism and their families. The programs and services shall meet the changing needs of the family members; and

(3) The Division of DD, with input from the Missouri Parent Advisory Committee on Autism, shall divide the state into at least five (5) regions and establish autism programs and services which are responsive to the needs of persons with autism and families consistent with contemporary and emerging best practices. The boundaries of such regions, to the extent practicable, shall be contiguous with relevant boundaries of political subdivisions and health service areas. Such regions shall be referred to as regional autism projects in this rule.

(4) Regional Autism Projects may provide or purchase, but shall not be limited to, the following services:
(A) Assessment;
(B) Advocacy training;
(C) Behavior management training and supports;
(D) Communication and language therapy;
(E) Consultation on individualized education and habilitation plans;
(F) Crisis intervention;
(G) Information and referral assistance;
(H) Life skills;
(I) Music therapy;
(J) Occupational therapy, sensory integration therapy, and consultation;
(K) Parent or caregiver training;
(L) Public education and information dissemination;
(M) Respite care;
(N) Staff training;
(O) Social skills training; and
(P) Other contemporary and emerging evidence-based practices.

(5) Regional Autism Projects shall each have regional parent advisory councils composed of from seven to nine (7–9) persons that have family members with autism, including family members that are young children, school-age children, and adults. The members shall be Missouri residents and their family members with autism shall have met the Division of DD’s eligibility requirements specified under 630.005, RSMo.
(A) One-third (1/3) of the members serving on July 1, 1995, shall continue to serve until July 1, 1996. One-third (1/3) shall serve until July 1, 1997, and the remaining one-third (1/3) shall serve until July 1, 1998. Length of those terms shall be determined by drawing lots.
(B) Upon expiration of members’ terms, new members shall be nominated by the council for three- (3-) year terms or until their successors have been elected. New members of each of the five (5) regional parent advisory councils shall be appointed by the Division of DD Director or designee from nominations submitted by the regional parent advisory councils. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three- (3-) year terms. No council member shall be a service provider, a member of a service provider’s board of directors, or an employee of a service provider or the Division of DD. Regional parent advisory councils shall be encouraged to maintain membership from each region within their project boundaries. The councils shall make every effort to elect members to represent the cultural diversity of the project areas and to represent persons with autism of all ages and capabilities.
(C) Each council shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. Annual elections shall occur in July. The councils shall meet bimonthly or more often at the call of the chairpersons. A simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
(D) Each council shall establish bylaws specific to the council’s project area and consistent with parameters established by the Missouri Parent Advisory Council on Autism set out in section (6).
(E) The councils’ responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. Advocacy;
2. Contract monitoring;
3. Review of annual Department of Mental Health audits of projects;
4. Recommendation of services to be provided based on input from families;
5. Recommendation of policy, budget, and service priorities;
6. Monthly review of service delivery;
7. Planning;
8. Public education and awareness;
9. Recommendation of service providers to the Division of DD for administration of the projects; and
(F) In the event a parent advisory council disagrees with a decision of the Division of DD Regional Director’s designee related to operation of the autism project, the issue may be referred to the Missouri Parent Advisory Committee on Autism for its recommendation to the Division of DD Director.

(6) The Division of DD shall establish the Missouri Parent Advisory Committee on Autism. It shall be composed of two (2) representatives and one (1) alternate from each of the five (5) regional parent advisory councils set out in this rule. It shall also include one (1) person with autism and one (1) alternate, a person with autism, who are not members of a regional parent advisory council. The committee shall be appointed by the Division of DD Director.
(A) The Division of DD Director shall make every effort to appoint members nominated by the regional parent advisory councils. The membership should represent the cultural diversity of the state and represent persons with autism of all ages and capabilities.
(B) One-third (1/3) of the members serving on January 1, 1995, serve until January 1,
9 CSR 45-3 Certification of Medication Aides Serving Persons with Developmental Disabilities

PURPOSE: Individuals who administer medications or supervise self-administration of medications in any residential setting or day program funded, licensed or certified by the Department of Mental Health to provide services to persons who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled, are required to be either a physician, a licensed nurse, a certified medication technician, a certified medication employee, a level I medication aide or Department of Mental Health medication aide. The provisions of the rule do not apply to family-living arrangements unless they are receiving reimbursement through the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver for persons with developmental disabilities. This rule sets forth the requirements for approval of a Medication Aide Training Program designating the required course curriculum content, outlining the qualifications required of students and instructors, designating approved training facilities and outlining the testing and certification requirements.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the material which is so incorporated is on file with the agency who filed this rule, and with the Office of the Secretary of State. Any interested person may view this material at either agency’s headquarters or the same will be made available at the Office of the Secretary of State at a cost not to exceed actual cost of copy reproduction. The entire text of the rule is printed here. This note refers only to the incorporated by reference material.

(1) The purpose of the Medication Aide Training Program shall be to prepare individuals for employment as medication aides in any residential setting or day program funded, licensed or certified by the Department of Mental Health to provide services to persons with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. The training program does not prepare individuals for the parenteral administration of medications such as insulin or the administration of medications or other fluids via enteral feeding tubes.

(2) All aspects of the Medication Aide Training Program included in this rule shall be met in order for a program to be considered approved.

(3) The objectives of the Medication Aide Training Program shall be to ensure that the medication aide will be able to—

(A) Define the role of a medication aide;
(B) Prepare, administer and chart medications by nonparenteral routes;
(C) Observe, report and record unusual responses to medications;
(D) Identify responsibilities associated with control and storage of medications; and
(E) Utilize appropriate drug reference materials.

(4) The course shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of integrated formal instruction and practice sessions supervised by an approved instructor.

(5) The curriculum content shall include procedures and instructions in the following areas: basic human needs and relationships; drug classifications and their implications; assessing drug reactions; techniques of drug administration; documentation; medication storage and control; drug reference resources; and infection control.

(6) The approved course curriculum shall be the manual entitled Level 1 Medication Aide (IE 64-1), developed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Mental Health and the Division of Aging and produced by the Instructional Materials Laboratory, University of Missouri-Columbia. This manual is incorporated by reference in this rule. Students and instructors each shall have a copy of this manual.

(7) A student shall not administer medications without the instructor present until s/he successfully completes the course and obtains a certificate.

(8) Student Qualifications.

(A) Any individual employable in a residential setting or day program funded, licensed or certified by the Department of Mental Health to provide services to persons who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled, and who meet the requirements of 9 CSR 10-5.190, shall be eligible to enroll in the approved course curriculum and to receive a certificate.

(B) An individual may qualify as a medication aide by successfully completing the final examination if that individual has successfully completed a medication administration course and is currently employed to perform medication administration tasks in a residential setting or day program operated, funded, licensed or certified by the Department of Mental Health to provide services to persons who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled.
(C) Certain persons may be deemed certified under paragraph (13)(B)4. of this rule.

(9) Those persons wanting to challenge the final examination shall submit a request in writing to the Missouri Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities enclosing applicable documentation. If approved to challenge the examination, the Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities will send the applicant a letter to present to an approved instructor so arrangements can be made for testing.

(10) Instructor Qualifications.

(A) An instructor shall be currently licensed to practice as either a registered nurse or practical nurse in Missouri or shall hold a current temporary permit from the Missouri State Board of Nursing. The licensee shall not be subject to current disciplinary action such as censure, probation, suspension or revocation. If the individual is a licensed practical nurse, the following additional requirements shall be met:

1. Shall not be waived: the instructor has a valid Missouri license or a temporary permit from the Missouri State Board of Nursing;
2. Shall be a graduate of an accredited program, which has pharmacology in the curriculum.

(B) In order to be qualified as an instructor, the individual shall—

1. Have attended a “Train the Trainer” workshop to implement the Level I Medication Aide Training Program conducted by a Missouri registered nurse presenter approved by the Missouri Division of Aging.
2. Meet at least one (1) of the following criteria:

A. Have had one (1) year’s experience working in a long-term care (LTC) facility licensed by the Division of Aging or in a residential facility or day program operated, funded, licensed or certified by the Department of Mental Health within the past five (5) years; or
B. Be currently employed in an LTC facility licensed by the Department of Mental Health and shall have been employed by that facility for at least six (6) months; or
C. Shall be an instructor in a Health Occupations Education Program.

(11) Sponsoring Agencies.

(A) The Medication Aide Training Program may be sponsored by providers of residential or day programs operated, funded, licensed or certified by the Department of Mental Health, Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. (B) The sponsoring agency is responsible for obtaining an approved instructor, determining the number of manuals needed for a given program, ordering the manuals for the students and presenting a class schedule for approval by the local regional center. The sponsoring agency shall maintain the following documentation: the name of the approved instructor; the instructor’s Social Security number, current address and telephone number; the number of students enrolled; the name, address, telephone number, Social Security number and age of each student; the name and address of the facility that employs the student, if applicable; the date and location of the final examination. If there is a change in the date and location of the training, the sponsoring agency shall notify the Division of Mental Health, Division of Mental Health, Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. (C) Classrooms used for training shall contain sufficient space, equipment and teaching aids to meet the course objectives as determined by the Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

(D) If the instructor is not directly employed by the agency, there shall be a signed written agreement between the sponsoring agency and the instructor which shall specify the role, responsibilities and liabilities of each party.

(12) Testing.

(A) The final examination shall consist of a written and a practicum examination administered by the instructor.
1. The written examination shall include questions based on the course objectives developed by the Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.
2. The practicum examination shall be conducted in a residential setting or day program operated, funded, licensed or certified by the Department of Mental Health, Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities or an LTC facility which shall include the preparation and administration by nonparenteral routes and recording of medications administered to consumers under the direct supervision of the instructor and the person responsible for medication administration in the facility. When it is not feasible and/or possible to conduct the practicum examination in an approved residential or day program, the instructor may request a waiver from the local regional center to conduct the practicum examination in an approved simulated classroom situation.

1. A score of eighty percent (80%) is required for passing the final written examination and one hundred percent (100%) accuracy in the performance of the steps of procedure in the practicum examination.
2. The final examination, if not successfully passed, may be retaken within sixty (90) days one (1) time without repeating the course, however, those challenging the final examination must complete the course if the examination is not passed in the challenge process.
3. The instructor shall complete final records and shall submit these and all test booklets to the sponsoring agency.

(13) Records and Certification.

(A) Records.

1. The sponsoring agency shall maintain records of all individuals who have been enrolled in the Medication Aide Training Program and shall submit to the local regional center all test booklets, a copy of the score sheets and a complete class roster.
2. A copy of the final record shall be provided to any individual enrolled in the course.
3. A final record may be released only with written permission from the student in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act—PL 900-247.

(B) Certification.

1. The regional center shall issue a Department of Mental Health, Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Medication Aide Certificate to employable individuals successfully completing the course upon receiving the required final records and test booklets from the sponsoring agency.
2. The regional center shall enter the names of all individuals receiving a Medication Aide Certificate in the Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Medication Aide Registry.
3. Medication aides who do not currently meet certification requirements must successfully pass the Level I Medication Aide course or challenge the final examination, if eligible, and obtain a Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Medication Aide Certificate within eighteen (18) months from the effective date of this regulation. Individuals who fail to comply shall not be allowed to administer medications.
4. Individuals who hold a Medication Aide Certificate issued by a regional center or a Division of Aging Level I Medication Aide Certificate, and have completed biannual training as required in section (14), will meet the requirements of this rule.

(14) Bi-Annual Training Program.
(A) Level I medication aides shall participate in a minimum of four (4) hours of medication administration training every two (2) years in order to administer medications in a residential setting or day program funded, certified or licensed by the Department of Mental Health to provide services to persons who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled. The training shall be taken in two (2) two (2)-hour blocks or a four (4)-hour block and must be completed by the anniversary date of the medication aide’s initial level I medication aide certificate. The training shall be—

1. Offered by a qualified instructor as outlined in section (10) of this rule; and
2. Documented on the Level I Medication Aide Bi-Annual Training form MO 650-8730 and kept in the employee’s personnel file. This form is incorporated by reference in this rule.

(B) The training shall address at the least the following:
1. Medication ordering and storage;
2. Medication administration;
   A. Use of generic drugs;
   B. How to pour, chart, administer and document;
   C. Information and techniques specific to the following: inhalers, eye drops, topical medications and suppositories;
   D. Infection control;
   E. Side effects and adverse reactions;
   F. New medications and/or new procedures;
   G. Medication errors;
3. Individual rights, and refusal of medications and treatments;
4. Issues specific to the facility/program as indicated by the needs of the consumers, and the medications and treatments currently being administered; and
5. Corrective actions based on problems identified by the staff, the trainees or issues identified by regulatory and accrediting bodies, professional consultants or by any other authoritative source.

(C) The Department of Mental Health regional centers will routinely monitor the quality of medication administration. When quality assurance monitoring documents that a medication aide is not administering medications within training guidelines, the regional center may require the aide to take additional training in order to continue passing medications in the residential setting or day program.

(15) Revocation of Certification.
   (A) If the Department of Mental Health upon completion of an investigation, finds that a medication aide has stolen or diverted drugs from a consumer or facility or has had his/her name added to the Department of Mental Health Employee Disqualification Registry or Division of Aging Employee Disqualification Registry, the Department of Mental Health shall render the medication aide’s certificate invalid.
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**State of Missouri**
**Department of Mental Health**
**Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities**

## Medication Aide Bi-Annual Training

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   - [ ] Update on new medications or new procedures
   - [ ] Medication errors

3. Individual rights, and refusal of medications and treatments;

4. Issues specific to the facility/program as indicated by the needs of the residents/clients, and the medications and treatments currently being administered;

5. Corrective actions based on problems identified by the staff, the trainees or issues identified by regulatory and accrediting bodies, professional consultants or by any other authoritative source; and

**Other specify:**

The training shall be taken in two (2) two (2) hour blocks or a four (4) hour block and must be completed by the anniversary date of the medication aide's initial certificate. Medication aides who do not participate in at least 4 hours of medication administration training every two years will not be allowed to administer medication in accordance with CSR 45-3.660. A signed copy of this form denotes compliance with the training requirement and must be included in the employee's personnel file. It is the responsibility of the agency to offer and the employee to participate in the required training.

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9 CSR 45-3.080 Self-Directed Supports

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the scope and requirements for the use of Self-Directed Supports, a service delivery option available under Home and Community Based waivers as created by section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

(1) Definitions.

(A) Agency-based supports—supports provided by a public or private agency, including independent contractors, under contract with the Department of Mental Health and enrolled with the MO HealthNet Division to serve participants of any home and community-based waivers operated by the department.

(B) Back-up plan—an emergency plan developed to address situations when the employee providing essential supports is unavailable. The individual support plan for all individuals receiving self- and family-directed supports must provide information about the back-up plan.

(C) Budget authority—the right and responsibility of the employer to exercise control and management of a yearly budget allocation.

(D) Designated representative (DR)—a parent, relative, or other person designated by an adult individual or a guardian, who shall act in the best interest of the individual and serves at the discretion of the individual.

(E) Employer—individual receiving services through self-directed supports and/or person with the power to act on such individual’s behalf, such as: a designated representative; guardian; or parent, if the individual is a minor. The employer maintains the Federal Employer Identification Number and employs persons to provide services to the individual.

(F) Employment authority—the right and responsibility of the employer to recruit, hire, train, manage, supervise, fire, and establish the wages for employees within the limits described in section (16) of this rule.

(G) Family member—a parent, stepparent, sibling, child, grandchild, or grandparent related by blood, adoption, or marriage, or a spouse.

(H) Fiscal management service (FMS)—a service to assist the employer with payroll-related functions. The FMS ensures the self-directed supports program meets federal, state, and local employment tax, labor and workers’ compensation insurance rules, and other requirements that apply when the individual or his/her designee functions as the employer of workers. The FMS makes financial transactions on behalf of the individual.

(I) Home and community-based waivers (HCB waivers)—a set of long term community-based supports and services authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services which are provided as an alternative to care in institutions such as nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The specific services provided under a home and community-based waiver is referred to as home and community-based services.

(J) Improvement plan—a corrective action plan to address issues of non-compliance with program requirements. The goal of the improvement plan is to focus on needed supports to ensure the employer succeeds when using self-directed supports.

(K) Individual—person receiving supports through a home and community-based waiver.

(L) Individual Support Plan (ISP)—a document that results from the person-centered planning process, which identifies the individual’s strengths, capacities, preferences, needs, and personal outcomes of the individual. The ISP includes a personalized mix of paid and non-paid services and supports that will assist the person to achieve personally defined outcomes.

(M) Individual Support Plan team (ISP team)—the individual, the individual’s designated representative(s), and the support coordinator. Providers of waiver-funded services may also participate in the support plan team if such participation is requested by the individual or guardian.

(N) Natural supports—unpaid support provided through relationships that occur in everyday life. Natural supports typically involve family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, acquaintances, and community resources.

(O) Self-directed supports (SDS)—a service delivery option available under the home and community-based waivers for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who wish to exercise more choice, control, and authority over their supports.

(2) Eligibility Criteria. Every individual who is receiving services through an HCB waiver shall have the opportunity to utilize SDS as his/her own employer as long as—

(A) The individual; designated representative; guardian; or parent, if the individual is a minor, is willing and able to act as the employer, assuming both budget and employment responsibilities while receiving HCB waiver services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD); and

(B) The Division of DD does not find good cause to deny the use of this service model under the criteria stated in section (11) of this rule.

(3) Designated Representative. An individual who is eighteen (18) years or older, a guardian, or a parent (if the individual is a minor), may identify a designated representative for purposes of utilizing SDS. Designated representatives must demonstrate a history of knowledge of the individual’s preferences, values, needs, and other relevant information.

(A) The following individuals may be designated as a representative:

1. Spouse, unless a formal legal action for divorce is pending;
2. An adult child of the individual;
3. A parent;
4. An adult brother or sister;
5. Another adult relative of the individual;
6. A legal guardian; and
7. Any other adult chosen by the individual with approval of the ISP team consistent with the requirements of this section.

(4) Employer Rights and Responsibilities.

(A) The employer must manage the employees’ daily-to-day activities ensuring supports are provided as written in the ISP.

(B) The employer may choose to hire eligible persons in accordance with the HCB waiver services requirements and with the following exceptions:

1. A spouse;
2. A parent or stepparent of an individual under age eighteen (18);
3. A legal guardian;
4. A designated representative; or
5. A person who is disqualified from employment under section 630.170, RSMo.

(C) The employer shall complete all forms required by the state’s FMS contractor, including Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Missouri state tax forms.

(D) The employer shall obtain a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) in the name of the individual (or parent/guardian if the individual is under the age of eighteen (18)), with the assistance of the FMS.

(E) The employer shall follow all federal
and state employment laws and regulations including, but not limited to:

1. Recruiting, interviewing, checking references, hiring, training, scheduling work, managing and terminating employee(s). This includes directing the day-to-day care of the individual and addressing conflicts between employees;

2. Submitting all new employee paperwork to the FMS prior to the initiation of service. All required documents must be completed, submitted, and approved as a complete packet in order for them to be processed in a timely manner. Incomplete documents may delay an employee’s start date;

3. Providing equal employment opportunities to all employees and interested employees without discrimination as to race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status in all employment decisions, including recruitment, hiring, changing schedules and number of hours worked, layoffs, and terminations, and all other terms and conditions of employment. The employer accepts full and specific responsibility for following Equal Opportunity laws and requirements regarding employees. Each employee is to be treated fairly and consistently. For example, if the employer decides to check references on one (1) employee, it must be done for all employees;

4. An employee may not provide services while the individual is hospitalized or receiving any other direct care service reimbursed through the MO HealthNet Division (MHD);

5. Reviewing and approving time worked, which authorizes billing;

6. Submitting documentation of time worked in a timely manner in accordance with the FMS payroll schedule. The employer and employee signatures on/approval of the time sheet validates that the information submitted is accurate and true. If the employer signs/approves and the hours have not been worked, the employer will be held financially liable for payment for the time reported but not worked;

7. The employer is responsible for monitoring the monthly spending summary report provided by the FMS and for keeping all expenditures within the individual budget allocation as specified in the ISP. The employer agrees to reimburse the FMS for any payment of wages and expenses in excess of the amount in the individual budget allocation. Payment to the employee is limited to services actually delivered by the employee;

8. If the employer authorizes use of all funds/hours before the end of the period, the employer is responsible for other service arrangements; for example, use of non-paid natural supports. The employer is responsible for the payment of any wages and expenses in excess of the individual budget allocation. Employees must be paid for all hours worked;

9. Informing the FMS within one working day of any changes in the individual’s status, including name, address, telephone number, hospitalization, and termination of program eligibility; and

10. Informing the FMS of the employee pay rate (wages), including timely notification of changes to the pay rate. Changes in pay rates must occur at the beginning of a pay period.

(F) The following must be reported immediately:

1. Any possible fraud, including MHD fraud to the FMS;

2. Abuse, neglect, misuse of property or funds, health risk, or other reportable event to the appropriate authorities. Reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults shall be made to the Department of Health and Senior Services, to the Division of DD, or to the individual’s support coordinator; and

3. Employee changes, including name, address, contact number, and/or employment status.

(G) Appointment of a temporary representative if the employer is not capable or available to manage employees and contact made to the support coordinator to evaluate if a new representative must be appointed.

(H) Establishing a work schedule for employees. Time worked by employees in excess of forty (40) hours per week cannot be billed to MHD. Hours worked over forty (40) hours per week are the responsibility of the employer and must be paid through the FMS to ensure employee taxes are withheld.

(I) The employer shall not supplement wages to the employee outside of the fiscal management agreement.

(J) In accordance with the approved HCB waivers, payment for personal assistance services is not allowed for employee sleep time. If an employer schedules an employee to work a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours or more, the employer and employee may agree to exclude from hours worked up to eight (8) hours of sleep time when both of the following conditions are met:

1. The employer furnishes sleeping facilities; and

2. The employee can usually sleep uninterrupted.

(5) Combination of Supports. An individual receiving service through an HCB waiver may receive a combination of supports through SDS and agency-based supports so long as services from one (1) program do not duplicate services from the other.

(6) Exemption from Personal Assistance Services Training. The employer may exempt training for personal assistant services under the following circumstances documented in the ISP:

(A) Duties of the personal assistant will not require skills to be attained from the training requirement; or

(B) The personal assistant has adequate knowledge or experience as determined by the employer.

(7) Family Members Providing Services. The only service family members may provide is personal assistance services and only if he/she is not disqualified under section (4). When a family member provides personal assistance support, the ISP must reflect—

(A) The individual is not opposed to a family member providing the service;

(B) The services to be provided are solely to support the individual and not household tasks expected to be shared with people living in the family unit;

(C) The ISP team determines the paid family member will best meet the needs of the individual; and

(D) The family member cannot be paid for over forty (40) hours per week. Support in excess of forty (40) hours per week provided by a family member is considered a natural (unpaid) support.

(8) Parameter of Services. Services that may be self-directed are specified in each HCB waiver for people with developmental disabilities operated by the Division of DD and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Services included in the individual’s ISP that may not be self-directed will be delivered through agency-based supports by a provider chosen by the individual.

(9) Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Program through the Department of Health and Senior Services. Individuals who receive services under the consumer-directed personal assistance program authorized in 19 CSR 15 Chapter 8 and administered by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) may not simultaneously use SDS under any HCB waiver operated by the Division of DD. Individuals eligible to self-direct supports under both the DHSS consumer-directed personal assistance program and under an HCB waiver operated by the Division of DD must choose which program to direct supports under and choose a qualified provider of
agency-based supports for the other.

(10) Voluntary Termination. If an individual voluntarily requests to terminate SDS in order to receive services through an agency, the support coordinator will work with the individual, guardian, or designated representative to select a provider agency and transition services to agency-based supports by changing prior authorizations based on the individual’s needs. When the self-directed services are voluntarily terminated, the same level of service is offered to the individual through agency-based supports.

(11) Denial and Mandatory Termination of SDS. The option of self-direction may be denied or terminated under any of the following conditions:

(A) The ISP team determines the health and safety of the individual is at risk;

(B) The employer is unable or unwilling to ensure employee records are accurately kept;

(C) The employer is unable or unwilling to supervise employees to receive services according to the plan;

(D) The employer is unable or unwilling to use adequate supports or unable or unwilling to stay within the budget allocation; or

(E) The employer has been the subject of a Medicaid audit resulting in sanctions for false or fraudulent claims under 13 CSR 70-3.030 Conditions of Provider Participation, Reimbursement, and Procedures of General Applicability, Sanctions for False or Fraudulent Claims for MHD.

(12) Improvement Plans.

(A) When an employer is found to be out of compliance with program requirements, an improvement plan shall be established. The improvement plan shall be jointly developed by the employer, individual, support broker, support coordinator, and other regional office staff, as needed.

(B) The plan shall include the specific issues of concern and shall include specific strategies and time frames for improvement.

(C) Failure to successfully meet the terms of the improvement plan within the established time frames shall result in termination of the option to use SDS.

(13) Termination of SDS for Non-Compliance. Except under circumstances described in section (11) of this rule, before terminating SDS, the support coordinator or appropriate staff of the regional office will first counsel the employer to assist in understanding the issues, inform the employer what corrective action is needed, and offer assistance in making changes. Counseling shall include the establishment of an improvement plan. If the employer refuses to cooperate, including failure to successfully carry out the terms of the improvement plan, the option of SDS shall be terminated.

(A) A letter shall be sent notifying the employer that the option of SDS will be terminated and a choice of agency-based providers offered.

(B) A choice of agency-based provider(s) must be made within fifteen (15) days.

(C) The employer may request a meeting with the regional director to discuss the unsuccessful completion of the improvement plan. The request for a meeting must be made within five (5) business days of the written notification that the option of SDS will be terminated.

(D) The regional director must schedule the meeting within ten (10) business days of the request.

(E) The regional director shall make a final decision within three (3) business days of the meeting. The decision of the regional director shall be final.

(14) Immediate Termination for Non-Compliance. When there is evidence of fraud or repeated patterns or trends of non-compliance with program requirements, counseling has been provided to the employer, an improvement plan has been established but has not been successfully completed within the agreed upon time frames, the regional director shall immediately terminate SDS and shall authorize agency-based services from a provider agency chosen by the individual.

(A) The regional office shall request repayment from the employer for any recoupments by the Department of Social Services Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance office from the DMH Division of DD.

(B) The FMS shall perform the following functions:

1. Managing and directing the distribution of funds contained in the individual budget allocation;

2. Facilitating the employment of staff by the employer by performing employer responsibilities such as processing payroll, withholding and filing federal state, and local taxes, and making tax payments to appropriate tax authorities;

3. Performing fiscal accounting and making expenditure reports to the employer and state authorities;

4. Collecting provider qualifications and training information;

5. Conducting background screens of potential employee candidates;

6. Collecting documentation of services provided; and

7. Collecting and processing employees’ time sheets.
