

Community Pathways – Revised Draft Proposal

Service Type: Other

Service (Name): SHARED LIVING

Alternative Service Title:

HCBS Taxonomy:

Check as applicable

Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.

Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.

Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition:

- A. Shared Living emphasizes the long-term sharing of lives, forming of caring households, and close personal relationships between a participant and the Host Home. It is an arrangement in which a couple or a family in the community share their home and life's experiences with a person with a disability. The approach is based on a mutual relationship where both parties agree to share their lives.
- B. Shared Living service provides the coordination, oversight and monitoring of Host Homes including:
 1. Recruiting for Host Homes providers;
 2. Facilitating recruitment and matching services of participants and Host Homes based on the participant's preferences and choice,
 3. Overseeing quality management and monitoring compliance with program requirements once the arrangement is established; and
 4. Compensation to Host Home for additional household cost.
- C. Host Home supports assure that the participant is safe and free from harm and has the support that he or she needs to take risks and to work and participate in community activities. The primary responsibility of a Host Home is to make a real home where the family or couple providing the home and the participant has a mutually satisfying and meaningful relationship.
- D. The Host Home arrangement may be either with:
 1. A couple sharing their home/apartment; or
 2. A family sharing their home/apartment.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Compensation to Host Home includes transportation costs associated with the provision of service is covered within the rate.
- B. The Medicaid payment for Shared Living Host Home services may not include either of the following items from the participant:
 1. Room and board; or
 2. Any assessed amount of contribution by the participant for the cost of care.

- C. The provider must ensure that the home and community-based setting in which the services are provided comply with all applicable federal, State, and local law and regulation, including, but not limited to, 42 C.F.R. § 441.301(c)(4), as amended
- D. Shared Living Host Home services are not available to participants receiving supports in other residential support services models including Community Living - Group Home, Community Living - Enhanced Supports, and Supported Living.
- E. As defined in Appendix C-2, the following individuals may not be paid either directly or indirectly (via a licensed provider) to provide this service: legally responsible person, spouse, legal guardian, or relatives
- F. The couple or family who provides the host home and services and supports to the participant shall:
 1. Be chosen by the participant and reflect their preferences and desires and
 2. Be compensated for sharing a home and their lives with the participant.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

- Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	Shared Living Provider

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: Shared Living Provider

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

DDA Approved Shared Living Provider and Organized Health Care Delivery System provider

Couple or family who provides the host home and services and supports to the participant shall:

1. Be trained by the participant or authorized representative on person-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information);
2. Possess current first aid and CPR training and certification;
3. Pass a criminal background investigation and any other required background checks and credentials verifications as provided in Appendix C-2-a;
4. Have a service agreement verifying qualifications and articulating expectations; and
5. Be approved by the DDA.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for verification of Provider's approval to provide the service
- Shared Living provider for verification and completion of couple's or family's training, background check, and service agreement

Frequency of Verification:

- DDA - prior to service delivery and annually thereafter
- Shared Living Provider – prior to service delivery and annually thereafter