

Community Pathways Waiver – **Revised Draft Proposal**

Service Type: Other

Service (Name): **RESPIRE CARE SERVICES**

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. Respite is short-term care intended to provide both the family or other primary caregiver and the participant with a break from their daily routines. Respite relieves families or other primary caregivers from their daily caregiving responsibilities, while providing the participants with new opportunities, experiences, and facilitates self-determination.
- B. Respite can be provided in:
 - 1. The individual's own home,
 - 2. The home of a respite care provider,
 - 3. A licensed residential site,
 - 4. State certified overnight or youth camps, and
 - 5. Other settings and camps as approved by DDA

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Someone who lives with the waiver participant may be the respite provider as long as she or he is not the person who normally provides care for the individual and is not contracted or paid to provide any other DDA funded service to the individual.
- B. A relative (who is not a spouse or legally responsible person) of a participant in Self-Directed Services may be paid to provide this service in accordance with the applicable requirements set forth in Section C-2.
- C. A neighbor or friend may provide services under the same requirements as defined in Appendix C-2-e.
- D. Receipt of respite services does not preclude a participant from receiving other services on the same day. For example, the participant may receive day services on the same day they receive respite services.
- E. Payment rates for services must be customary and reasonable as established by the program.

- F. Services can be provided at an hourly rate for 8 hours or less; or at a day rate for over 8 hours daily.
- G. Respite cannot replace day care while her/his parent or guardian is at work.
- H. If respite is provided in a private home, the home must be licensed, unless it is the participant's home or the home of a relative, neighbor, or friend.
- I. Respite does not include funding for any fees associated with the respite care (for example, membership fees at a recreational facility, community activities, or insurance fees).
- J. Respite services are not available to people receiving Community Living - Group Home, Community Living - Enhanced Supports, or Supported Living.
- K. Payment may not be made for services furnished at the same time as other services that include care and supervision. This includes Medicaid State Plan Personal Care Services as described in COMAR 10.09.20, the Attendant Care Program (ACP), and the In-Home Aide Services Program (IHAS).
- L. Prior to accessing DDA funding for this service, all other available and appropriate funding sources, including but not limited to those offered by Maryland Medicaid State Plan, Division of Rehabilitation Services (“DORS”), State Department of Education, and Department of Human Services, must be explored and exhausted. These efforts must be documented in the participant’s file.

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

Respite services may not exceed 45 days or 360 hours within a twelve month period.

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
Individual	For participants self-directing services
Agency	Licensed Community Residential Services Provider

Agency	DDA Approved Respite Care Provider
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Provider Specifications for Services

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Individual for participants self-directing services

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

1. The following minimum standards are required:
 - a. Current first aid and CPR certification unless waived by the participant or their authorized representative.
 - b. Passing a criminal background investigation and any other required background checks and credentials verifications as provided in Appendix C-2-a unless waived by the participant or their authorized representative;
 - c. Unlicensed staff paid to administer medication and/or perform treatments must be certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) as Medication Technicians.
 - d. Camps including:
 - 1) State certified overnight or youth camps and
 - 2) DDA approved camp
2. Participants in self-directing services, as the employer, may require additional staffing requirements based on their preferences and level of needs such as training by participant/family on individual-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information)

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- Fiscal Management Service providers for verification of individual specific qualifications

Frequency of Verification:

- Fiscal Management Services - prior to service delivery

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: Licensed Community Residential Services Provider

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Licensed Community Residential Services Provider as per COMAR Chapter 10 Title 22
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

1. Direct care staff specific requirements include the following:
 - a. Current first aid and CPR training and certification unless waived by the participants or their authorized representative;
 - b. Training by participant/family on participant-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information);
 - c. Passing a criminal background investigation and any other required background checks and credentials verifications as provided in Appendix C-2-a unless waived by the participant or their authorized representative;
 - d. Unlicensed staff paid to administer medication and/or perform treatments must be certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) as Medication Technicians; and
 - e. Additional requirements based on the participant's preferences and level of needs.
2. Camps requirements including:
 - a. State certified overnight or youth camps as per COMAR 10.16.06 unless otherwise approved by the DDA; and
 - b. DDA approved camp
3. Services provided in a site must be licensed.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for verification of provider license and licensed site
- Licensed Community Residential Services Provider for verification of direct support staff and camps

Frequency of Verification:

- DDA - annually
- Licensed Community Residential Services Provider – prior to service delivery

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: DDA Approved Respite Care Service Provider

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

1. DDA Approved Respite Care Services Provider
2. Direct support staff specific requirements include the following:
 - a. Current first aid and CPR training and certification unless waived by the participant or their authorized representative;
 - b. Training by participant/family on individual-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information);
 - c. Passing a criminal background investigation unless waived by the participant or their authorized representative;
 - d. Child Protective Services Background Clearance (required if supporting a child)
 - e. Unlicensed staff paid to administer medication and/or perform treatments must be certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) as Medication Technicians; and
 - f. Additional requirements based on the participant's preferences and level of needs.
3. Camps requirements including:
 - a. State certified overnight or youth camps as per COMAR 10.16.06 unless otherwise approved by the DDA; and
 - b. DDA approved camp.
4. Services provided in a provider site must be licensed unless otherwise approved by the DDA.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for verification of provider certification and licensed site
- DDA Certified Respite Care Services Provider for verification of direct support staff and camps

Frequency of Verification:

- DDA - annually
- DDA Certified Respite Care Services Provider – prior to service delivery