

Live-In Caregiver Supports Policy

Stakeholder Input Summary

Live-In Caregiver Supports is one of the DDA-operated Waiver Program support services. This service helps cover the cost of rent and food for someone who provides supports and services while they live in the participant’s home.

The Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) issued its proposed policy for Live-In Caregiver Supports on April 14, 2023, requesting input from participants, families, Coordination of Community Service agencies, community providers, and advocacy organizations. The Stakeholder input period ended on April 28, 2023 at 11:59 PM. In total, 2 unduplicated stakeholders submitted input. Below is a summary of the specific recommendations from the public and the DDA’s responses.

	Comment	DDA Response
1.	Comment: Recommend that related family members be eligible to provide Live-In Caregiver Supports.	Effective July 1, 2023, people receiving Live-In Caregiver Supports may hire a sibling to provide this service.
2.	Comment: Please clarify what constitutes an assessed need for this service.	Authorized services are based on a person’s assessed need. Each person is unique and their needs, desires, and goals are different. Their Person-Centered Plan should identify this. Charting the LifeCourse is a framework that takes into account a person’s vision or their good life along with the strengths and needs of the person and family. It offers foundational tools that are helpful to get a more comprehensive look at all the services and supports that may exist in a person’s life. These tools can be used for service planning.

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3.	<p>Comment: Recommend adding language to the section Standards for Live-in Caregiver Supports:</p> <p>6. Under the Traditional Service Delivery Model, the DDA provider will send a signed copy of the written agreement to the Coordinator of Community Services (CCS), who will submit a copy to the DDA along with the PCP.</p> <p>7. Under Self-directed services, the person, with the support of their team, will send a signed copy of the written agreement to the Coordinator of Community Services (CCS), who will submit a copy to the DDA along with the PCP.</p>	<p>This policy will be updated to include this language.</p>
4.	<p>Comment: Please clarify if the person providing Live-In Caregiver Supports is listed on the lease, how can they not have the right to occupy the home? Is this a provision of the agreement between the caregiver and the person in services? Does this agreement include the rights of the person providing the service in the event services are terminated? For example, does the agreement include information about the Live-In Caregiver vacating the home?</p>	<p>The person receiving services has the rights of tenancy but the Live-In Caregiver does not. A live-in caregiver will be listed in the lease paperwork as they are an occupant of the residence; however, the person is the lessor and thereby has the right of tenancy, where the live-in caregiver does not.</p> <p>An explicit agreement, including detailed service expectations, arrangement termination procedures, recourse for unfulfilled obligations, and monetary considerations must be executed and signed by both the person receiving services (or their legal representative) and the caregiver.</p> <p>The language will be updated to say, <i>“The person has the right to occupy the home, but the Live-In Caregiver lives at the home with the person’s permission, although they are listed on a lease.”</i></p>

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5.	<p>Comment: Recommend adding service model language to provider requirements Under the Requirements to be Paid for Services (1).</p> <p><i>Under the Traditional Service Delivery Model or as a vendor under the Self-Directed Services Delivery Model</i>, a provider of Live-In Caregiver Supports must be an Organized Health Care Delivery Service provider.</p>	<p>This policy will be updated to include this language.</p>