

Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) Service Categories

Note: If any of the below items/services could potentially be funded through other public or private entities they must be looked into first including the Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program, as CCOP funding is the funding of last resort. For many of the below items/services a denial from Wisconsin Medicaid and/or private insurance may be required. Written recommendations from an appropriate professional, therapist, or physician may also be required for some of the items/services.

Assessment and Plans

Assessment and Plans cover a comprehensive assessment and ISP plan creation, both of which must be completed by individuals with the credentials of a Support and Service Coordinator (SSC). The ISP is a formal document that builds upon the assessment to identify supports and their intended outcomes. It lists the supports and services that will be used, including frequency, intensity, annual cost, and provider information. This service category can also be utilized for CCOP Procedures Guide 32 abbreviated assessments and plan creation for children and families waiting for CLTS services. An abbreviated assessment and ISP plan creation can be completed by a Community Connections Coordinator or Support and Service Coordinators.

Child Care

Child care services are to supplement typical child care costs, such as 1:1 attention for additional support in a child care setting. This service ensures the child's exceptional physical, emotional, behavioral, or personal care needs are met during times when their family members are working, pursuing education and employment goals, or participating in training to strengthen the family's capacity to care for the child. Qualifying education activities for the participant's family members include education related to the family members' employment, as well as education activities related to the child's disability, which equip the family to build on the child's strengths, support their unique needs, and increase the family's knowledge and resources.

Community and Safety Supports

Community and Safety Supports are designed to increase the child's safety and community involvement, including personal emergency response systems (PERS). It can be used for intensive case coordination and individualized community-based services to assist, empower and build upon the strengths of the child and family so the child can be fully integrated into the community with their family. Includes items or services that reduce risk or danger to help keep the child safe in their home and communities. These services and supports assist children who, without such supports, are experiencing or are likely to experience safety-related challenges at home or in the community as a result of their disability, trauma, behavioral, social, or emotional issues.

Employment Supports

Employment Supports provide learning and work experiences to develop non-job specific strengths and skills, as well as support in attaining sustained employment that is at or above minimum wage in an integrated setting in the general workforce for the child.

Financial Management Services

Costs for an FMS provider in the case of a county declining to operate as the FMS for a family. For more information on FMS, reference the CLTS manual.

Habilitative Services

Habilitative services are any tools, services, activities, and items that help the child learn, keep, and/or improve skills and functional abilities. This can be used to assist the child with daily living activities and personal needs, as well as education and skill development for the child to independently perform daily routine activities and use community resources. It can be used to provide education and training for caregivers to support the child and better understand their disability. This includes services or supports that improve the health, wellbeing, socialization or inclusion of the child.

Health Care and Other Therapies

Therapies and counseling to assist the child and their family with coping with grief, as well as maintaining or improving the health, welfare, and functioning of the child in the community. Special dietary needs would typically be determined by a qualified medical professional, CCOP Procedures Guide 33 registered dietitian, or other professional who is qualified to assess a child's nutritional needs, monitor health and growth, and make recommendations for achieving desired outcomes in the individual service plan (ISP). This also covers dental and health screening services for non-MA eligible children.

Home Modifications and Housing Supports

For supports to assist the child in moving and relocating to a safe, less restrictive, and more independent living environment. Provides comprehensive guidance to the child's family on gaining and/or retaining safe and accessible housing. It can be used for home modifications that maximize a child's independent functioning in their home, as well as utility costs incurred as a result of the child's disability. Funding can be used to assist with placement in and supplementary costs for participants in a foster home, as well as those in an adult family home, excluding room and board.

Independence Support Tools

Supplies, equipment, technology, and other participant and family directed services to support the health, independence, and other long-term goals of the child. Can fund virtual equipment and supports that the child needs to access remote CCOP services.

Offsets

Counties are to use this category for entering Cost Share, Refunds, and Parental Fees into HEART when monies are received.

Recreation

The primary purpose of recreation and alternative activities is to support the child's inclusion with their family and peers (with or without disabilities) in social and recreational programs in the community. Funds may be utilized for child/family-specific, outcome-based goods and services. CCOP funding can pay for recreational fees and other goods and services that promote community inclusion. It can cover fees for the whole family (e.g., to join a recreation club, for family recreation, camping, etc.) or when a child needs the assistance of an attendant in order to participate in family or community activities. CCOP funding can also be used to pay for attendant support during a family vacation, specialized transportation, and the rental of adaptive equipment.

Respite

Respite care services maintain and strengthen the child's natural supports by easing the daily stress and care demands for their family, or other primary caregiver(s), on a short-term basis. These services provide a level of care and supervision appropriate to the child's needs while their family or other primary caregiver(s) are temporarily relieved from daily caregiving demands. It can also be used to cover respite for siblings of the child. Respite care may take place in a residential setting, institutional setting, (CCOP

funding for institutional respite settings must be prior approved by DHS), the home of the child, the home of a caregiver, or in other community settings.

Service and Community Resource Coordination

This service includes the responsibilities of the SSC and the CCC

- Support and Service Coordinators (SSC) are responsible for coordinating or facilitating access to all services and supports, both formal and informal, which are needed by the CCOP Procedures Guide 34 participant and family to meet their identified outcomes. Support and service coordination assists a participant and their family to achieve an inclusive, interdependent, and self-empowered life. The participant's support and service coordinator (SSC) uses their knowledge of available programs, resources, and services to create an individualized service plan that best supports the participant and family in pursuit of their desired outcomes. This includes connecting families to supports throughout the community and promotes the participant's self-determination and involvement in all facets of community life.
- Community Connections Coordinators engage in community outreach and provide families with information about benefits, programs, and other available community resources. CCCs may also conduct abbreviated CCOP assessments and develop abbreviated child and family-centered ISPs to provide interim services while families are waiting for CLTS services. (See Chapter 4 for more information on duties and required qualifications.)

Transportation and Vehicle Modifications

It can be used for transportation, mileage, food and/or lodging for parents/guardians, siblings, and/or someone accompanying the family when the travel is related to the child's health but is not otherwise covered by Medicaid. This service includes the purchase of vehicle modifications that allow the vehicle to be used by the child to access the community, or those costs associated with the maintenance or repair of these items.

Consumer and Family-Directed Supports

Families are able to direct supports in CCOP. The service category for any consumer and family-directed support will be the service category applicable to the service that is being directed as well as financial management services. Administering agencies are responsible for: 1) ensuring that all providers meet the minimum standard training requirements and 2) completing any necessary background checks prior to beginning services.

CCOP funding may not be used for:

- Basic living expenses or household goods, including rent or the purchase of a home.
- Increases to a home's square footage, except when necessary to complete an adaptation (e.g., in order to improve entrance/egress to a residence or to configure a bathroom to accommodate a wheelchair).
- Goods or services that are harmful or are not effective.
- Insurance copayments, insurance deductibles, or co-insurance fees.
- Legal services, such as guardianships or estate planning.
- Goods or services for children living in ineligible residential settings, as defined by the CLTS Waiver Program.