

Date: July 31, 2026 DDSD-DDW Numbered Memo 2026-11
To: All Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Provider Agencies
From: Selina Leyba, Community Programs Bureau Chief, Developmental
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Subject: Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Renewal Update

The Health Care Authority (HCA), Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD), is pleased to announce the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS) has approved the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD Waiver) application effective July 1, 2026 for another five-year cycle. The information below includes the approved changes to the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver.

Initial Level of Care and Annual Recertification Process Change:

- The Vineland in Home Assessment (IHA) is now required to be completed for Initial Allocations and Annual Recertifications.

Service Changes:

- Removal of Community Integrated Employment, Job Aide and Community Inclusion Aide.
- Changes to the service name, *Socialization and Sexuality Education* changed to *Healthy Relationships and Personal Safety Education*.
- Removal of the requirement for the Person-Centered Assessment (PCA).

Provider Requirements:

- Case Management, Customized Community Supports (CCS), Community Integrated Employment (CIE), Customized in Home Supports (CIHS), Living Supports (Family Living, Supported Living, Intensive Medical Living Services (IMLS)) and Respite Provider Agencies are no longer required to be accredited by Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International or The Council on Quality and Leadership.

Fee Schedule Changes Table:

Service Category	Procedure Code	Mod	Mod	Unit	Previous Rate	New Rate
Customized In-Home Supports, Living with Family or Natural Supports	S5125	HB		15 min	\$8.42	\$8.73
Customized In-Home Supports, Living Independently	S5125	HB	UA	15 min	\$8.42	\$8.73
Supported Living Cat. 1	T2016	HB	U4	Day	\$221.54	\$229.60
Supported Living Cat. 2	T2016	HB	U5	Day	\$272.45	\$282.37
Supported Living Cat. 3	T2016	HB	U6	Day	\$357.13	\$370.12
Supported Living Cat. 4 Extra Med	T2016	HB	U7	Day	\$463.59	\$480.52
Supported Living Cat. 4 Behavior Sup	T2016	HB	U8	Day	\$463.59	\$480.52
Customized Community Support, Small Group	T2021	HB	U9	15 min	\$6.03	\$6.24
Occupational Therapy, Standard	G0152	HB	GO	15 min	\$40.83	\$49.66
Occupational Therapy, Incentive	G0152	HB	TN	15 min	\$52.07	\$63.33
Occupational Therapy Assist. Standard	G0158	HB	HM	15 min	\$27.05	\$27.80
Occupational Therapy Assist. Incentive	G0158	HB	TN	15 min	\$35.49	\$36.47
Speech, Language Pathology, Standard	G0153	HB	GN	15 min	\$48.93	\$49.66

Speech, Language Pathology, Incentive	G0153	HB	TN	15 min	\$62.39	\$63.33
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DDSD would like to thank all stakeholders that provided valuable feedback during the waiver renewal process.

For any questions regarding this numbered memo please contact:

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