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Housing Navigation Services

“Housing Navigator service could be a reimbursable service under the following parameters:

1. Self- Directing:

“People who are self-directing their services with Budget Authority may elect to use up to \$3,000 in 100% state funding for items that are not Medicaid-fundable. This budget category is called “Other Than Personal Services” or OTPS. Housing Navigation (“HN”) services; housing access start-up services, development of an individual housing action plan and or implementation of the housing action plan are eligible to be funded through OTPS for people with Self-Direction budgets.

Where HN services could also be delivered by a Broker or Community Habilitation (CH) staff as part of their responsibilities for those services, those Brokers or CH staff may not separately charge for HN services through OTPS.

To summarize; HN services can be provided by the Broker or the CH staff, if qualified, or be paid separately as OTPS. The Broker or CH staff may not separately charge a person they provide HN services to through OTPS.”

2. Support Broker:

If you are a Support Broker, and HN is part of someone’s plan, you can bill for HN work performed at the Support Broker rate. Housing navigation work is typically work that could be completed within the broker role. Brokers could do housing related tasks and be reimbursed through an SD plan. The billing would be for the broker service – the tasks completed would be housing related.

3. Community Habilitation Services:

If an individual is receiving Community Habilitation (CH), and the ISP includes Housing as a goal and Housing Navigation (HN) as a way to get to it you can pay for that time with Comm. Hab. If direct, then it must be in person and focused on a specific ISP goal. If Indirect then it must also align with the goals. The methodology for covering the indirect cost would vary based on whether the CH staff support is through agency supported/purchased or through self-hired staffing. The provider or FI would need to manage the indirect elements of the service depending on the method used. Again, the service provided is CH not HN the CH service needs to relate back to a valued outcome and activity under the service to meet that outcome.”

*Housing Navigators- professionals that have expertise in the development and implementation of an individual housing action plan.