Homemaker/Chore & Home Accessibility Adaptations

Service Descriptions and Covered Activities

1. Homemaker Activities

Description

Routine household assistance for a participant who cannot perform necessary domestic tasks independently because of a disability or functional limitation. Services support a clean, sanitary, safe living environment and must be authorized in the Individual Support Plan (ISP).

Covered Activities (subject to authorization)

- Sweeping, vacuuming, mopping and dusting living areas
- Cleaning bathrooms, kitchens, sinks and counters
- Washing dishes and cleaning cooking utensils
- Laundry, folding and putting away clothes
- Changing bed linens and making beds
- Taking out ordinary household trash
- Organizing essential household supplies and items

2. Chore Activities

Description

Nonroutine or heavier household tasks necessary to maintain a safe and sanitary home when the participant cannot perform them and no other available resource can meet the need. Activities depend on the specific ODP waiver and approved ISP.

Covered Activities (subject to authorization)

- Heavy cleaning beyond ordinary housekeeping where necessary for health and safety
- Removing accumulated nonhazardous household debris and clutter that creates hazards
- Cleaning particularly soiled but safely accessible areas
- Rearranging lightweight household items to provide safe passage
- Snow removal from necessary walkways, steps, and entrances to maintain safe access to the home
- Ice removal and application of de-icing materials on necessary access routes
- Lawn mowing and essential yard maintenance when necessary for health, safety, or accessibility
- Leaf removal from walkways and access areas to prevent slipping or obstruction
- Other specifically authorized heavy household chores

3. Home Accessibility Adaptations (Home Modifications)

Description

Physical adaptations to a participant's primary residence that are needed because of the participant's disability, improve access or safety, and support independent living. This is a separate ODP service from Homemaker/Chore.

Covered Activities (subject to authorization)

- Widening doorways or modifying thresholds for wheelchair or walker access
- Modifying bathroom layout, showers, sinks or fixtures for accessibility
- Adapting kitchen counters, cabinets or sinks for accessible use
- Installing approved handrails or other structural accessibility supports
- Modifying switches, outlets or environmental controls for accessibility
- Structural or electrical work needed to accommodate approved accessibility equipment
- Other disability-related home adaptations specifically approved under the applicable waiver

Scope Clarification

These are illustrative activities, not a determination of coverage. Only services permitted by the participant's specific Pennsylvania ODP waiver, assessed needs, approved ISP and authorization may be delivered. Home adaptations may require assessments, permits, qualified contractors and prior approval. General remodeling, cosmetic improvements, ordinary repairs, and hazardous work are not automatically covered. Some equipment may fall under other benefit categories.

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