

Respite Services

A service that provides for the planned or emergency, short-term, non-routine relief of the unpaid Caregiver of a Covered Individual/Family Member. Respite Services provide supervision of the Individual to ensure their health, safety, security, nutritional, social, and recreational needs are being met in the absence of the Primary Caregiver. Respite also includes habilitation and other community support activities that facilitate the individual's inclusion in the community, social interaction, participation in leisure activities, and development of socially valued behaviors, daily living, and independent living skills.

Respite Services:

- Must be provided face-to-face to the Covered Individual/Family Member
- Can be provided in the Covered Individual's home, in the Provider's home, in the community, or in a community-based facility
- That are site-based can only be provided in a community-based facility or Service Provider's home that has been prior approved by the MSO
- Cannot be billed simultaneously with Community Support Services if billed hourly
- Address an identified need of the Covered Individual's Family for respite as determined by the Child and Family Team
- Support, rather than supplant, the Family's natural resources and support network
- Can be provided as a 1:1 service with the Covered Individual/Family or in groups
- Do not allow for more than 3 children in a Provider home-based Respite site at any given time.
- Do not allow a staff -to-child ratio of less than one staff to five children in Community Based Respite programs.
- Do not allow a staff-to-child ratio of less than one staff to six children in Facility Based Respite programs.
- Do not include the travel time of the Service Provider to-and-from the location of service, unless the Covered Individual/Family Member is present in the Provider's vehicle
- Cannot be provided by someone who resides in the same residence as the Covered Individual/Family
- Do not include time waiting to provide service
- Cannot be provided to a Covered Individual/Family Member living independently in the community

Unit of Service: For hourly respite: 15 minute increments up to 10 hrs
For daily respite 10 or more consecutive hrs constitutes 1 day of respite

Credentialing Requirement: Minimum of a High School Diploma or GED with at least one year experience with the target population.