




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Independent Living Waiver (ILW)

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Independent Living Waiver (ILW)

- Independent Living Waiver is provided to persons with a physical disability as an alternative to a nursing facility
- ILW offers these community based services:
 - Consumer directed personal care assistance services
 - Case management
 - Environmental accessibility adaptations
 - Specialized medical equipment
 - Specialized medical supplies

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Eligibility Requirements

- Initial entry is limited to persons 18 to 64 years of age
- Be physically disabled
- Able to self-direct their care
- Should the individual have a cognitive impairment the onset must have been on or after age 22
- Active Medicaid status
- Spenddown participants may be eligible
- Participants with blind pension are not eligible
- Transfer of Property penalty may be authorized
- Authorization of ILW does not make the participant eligible for HCB Medicaid
- Appropriate ME code
- Meet nursing facility level of care

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ILW Services

- **Personal Care Assistance** – Consumer Directed (CDS) – provides additional personal care assistance services when the approved state plan limits are exhausted
 - The participant may designate another individual to direct their care
 - If another person directs the participant’s care, CDS services are authorized through the ILW only
 - The physically disabled participant with a cognitive impairment is authorized through the ILW only

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- **Case Management** – assists the participants in gaining access to needed services
 - The provider provides a minimum of 12 hours of case management a year
 - Authorized in the month the participant is enrolled in the ILW
 - All ILW participants are authorized for case management

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Case Management continued – case management includes:

- Monitoring the provision of services
- Review the plan of care through monthly contacts and face to face visits, as necessary
- Training the participant in recruiting, hiring, training of attendants
- Assisting the participant in obtaining assistive technology services and advocating for the participant
- Assisting the participant with full access to a variety of services to meet their specific needs

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- **Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (EAA)** – physical adaptations to the home to ensure the health and safety of the participant
- Installation of ramps, grab-bars, widening of doorways and modification of bathroom facilities
- Installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems

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- **Specialized Medical Equipment (SME)** – devices, controls, or appliances that enable participants to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living
- **Specialized Medical Supplies (SMS)** – supplies that will enable a participant to increase abilities to perform activities of daily living

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- **Financial Management Services (FMS)** – assist participant who receive Personal Care Assistance through the ILW to facilitate the employment of attendants by the participant:
 - Ensure attendants are employable
 - Assist in identifying immediate and long-term needs
 - Collect and process timesheets

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ILW Information


- EAA, SME, and SMS shall be authorized only when it can be documented that it will decrease the current authorization of or future need for personal care assistance services.
- Authorization of EAA, SME, and SMS are limited to \$5,000 in a five year period.
- SME and SMS shall be authorized only when it can be documented that these services cannot be covered by another source.
- Three bids shall be obtained for projects, equipment and supplies.

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Cost Maximum


- There is no cost cap maximum on the services to be authorized through the ILW
- Must be cost effective compared to nursing home costs
- The cost effectiveness of the ILW is managed by DSOS


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Restrictions

- Individuals residing in RCF, ALF or DMH facility are **not** eligible for ILW services
- Participants receiving services through any other HCBS waiver is **not** eligible.

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