



New York Children’s Health and Behavioral Health Transition: Children’s Aligned Home and Community Based Services Series: Webinar 3 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Below is an FAQ concerning the Children’s Aligned HCBS Series: Webinar 3. This webinar covered HCBS Day Habilitation, Community Habilitation, Palliative Care: Expressive Therapy, Palliative Care: Massage Therapy, Palliative Care: Bereavement Service, and Palliative Care: Pain and Symptom Management.

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Table with 4 columns: #, Topic, Question, State Response. Row 1: 1, Billing, Are Supplemental Day Habilitation and Day Habilitation billed at the same rate?, Yes, Supplemental Day Habilitation and Day Habilitation are billed at the same rate. Children’s Day Habilitation and OPWDD’s Supplemental Day Habilitation may occur at the same site-based Day Habilitation facility, the provider is responsible to bill the appropriate code for each child based on their enrollment status in each of the Day Habilitation service options. Day Habilitation and Supplemental Day Habilitation cannot be delivered at the same time. For more information on the Children’s HCBS rates please see the draft children’s HCBS rate summary. For more information on the OPWDD Day Habilitation rates please see the following link: https://www.health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/rates/mental\_hygiene/



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| 2 | Billing     | If Palliative Care: Expressive Therapy is conducted with a child for 15 minutes and then the expressive therapist spends 15 minutes educating the family, can 30 minutes be billed? | The family can participate in Palliative Care: Expressive Therapy with the child but the time must be spent helping the child better understand and express their reactions through creative and kinesthetic treatment in order to be billed as Expressive Therapy. Education of the family would not be covered as part of a billed service. If the therapist worked with the member and modeled behavior or a technique as an example for the family during the session with the member that could be billed.   |
| 3 | Eligibility | Does a child need an IDD/DD diagnosis in order to receive Community Habilitation (CH) or Day Habilitation (DH)?   | <p>A child does not need an I/DD diagnosis in order to receive Community Habilitation or Day Habilitation, however a child must have an identified developmental delay in order to receive either service. The service need must be described in the Child's Plan of Care.</p> <p>Day Habilitation addresses the assistance with acquisition, retention or improvement in self-help, socialization and adaptive skills.</p> <p>Community Habilitation focuses on the child learning a skill rather than restoring a skill. Community Habilitation is not a rehabilitative service, meaning the provider is not trying to restore functioning.</p> <p>Typically, Children who have an I/DD diagnosis benefit from Day Habilitation and/or Community Habilitation. Children who meet Level of Care through SED typically benefit from Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) under CFTSS as the service is rehabilitative in nature. PSR DOES require the child to have a behavioral health diagnosis and a child with a developmental disability diagnosis without a co-occurring behavioral health condition is ineligible to receive this rehabilitative service.</p> |



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| 4 | Eligibility  | Can Medically Fragile children receive Community Habilitation or Day Habilitation if they only have a Medically Fragile diagnosis? | A child who is Medically Fragile could be appropriate to receive Community Habilitation or Day Habilitation, if, in addition to the Medically Fragile diagnosis, the child also has a diagnosed developmental delay.   |
| 5 | Eligibility  | Can a youth with mental health needs fulfil the chronic health criteria and receive Palliative Care?                               | Children/youth must meet Level of Care functional criteria and suffer from the symptoms and stress of a chronic medical conditions OR illnesses that individuals at risk of death before age 21.   |
| 6 | General      | Can a child be recommended for HCBS and CFTSS?   | Yes, a child may meet criteria for both based on medical necessity for CFTSS and meeting HCBS threshold criteria. The Health Home Plan of Care should identify what goals each service is intended to address. Each service would have its own service or treatment plan.  |
| 7 | Plan of Care | What is the difference between the Health Home Plan of Care (HHPC) and the HCBS Service Plan?                                      | The Health Home Plan of Care (HHPC) is the document created by the Health Home Care Manager (HHCM) that lists the full array of services (medical, dental, behavioral, social, etc.) that a child is receiving. The HHPC describes, at a high level, what those services should look like including scope, frequency and duration. Each HCBS provider will identify goals and objectives of the specific service they provide. They will discern appropriate frequency, scope and duration. They will share this, in the form of a HCBS Service Plan, with HHCM for inclusion in the HHPC. |



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| 8  | Service  | Can Palliative Care: Bereavement Services continue beyond the death of a child?                             | No, because services are billed through the child's Medicaid number.  |
| 9  | Service  | What is the difference between Community Habilitation and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)?                | See question 3, above   |
| 10 | Settings | Can a child receive Day Habilitation in a certified setting while other programs/services are taking place? | Day Habilitation providers are all designated as HCBS providers and Certified by OPWDD. OPWDD Regional Offices may directly provide Day Habilitation HCBS waiver services through its regional offices. Many Day Habilitation facilities that are designated to provide Children's HCBS Day Habilitation also provide other services during the same hours. |
| 11 | Settings | Can Day Habilitation services be delivered in the community?  | Designated Day Habilitation providers are also Certified OPWDD providers. Some activities will take place at the Day Habilitation facility while others may occur in the community based on the goals identified in the Child's plan of care.   |
| 12 | Settings | Can a child in school participate in Day Habilitation?  | For school-age children, this service cannot be provided during the school day when a child/youth is participating or enrolled in a school program.   |



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| 13 | Staff/Credentia ling   | Are current B2H staff qualified to deliver Community Habilitation?                   | To provide Community Habilitation the agency must be designated and the provider must meet the individual provider qualifications outlined in the Draft <a href="#">Children's HCBS manual</a> .  |
| 14 | Utilization Management | Who needs to seek authorization for HCBS from the Medicaid Managed Care Plan (MMCP)? | Note that the HCBS array is not coming into Managed Care until October 1, 2019.<br><br>Authorization for continued services will entail a conversation between the MMCP and the HCBS provider, primarily. However, the Health Home Care Manager would notify the MMCP of the services. Continued authorization is between the HCBS provider and the MMCP. |