

NEW SERVICE DEFINITIONS: JULY 1, 2009

There are new definitions for both the Person Family Directed Support Waiver and the Consolidated Waiver effective July 1, 2009. There are a total of 27 services available to participants in the waivers. Here are the major changes:

New Services:

Companion Services – a service designed to provide basic supervision for individuals who live in their own home or apartment, and people living at home with their families. This is for people who are 18 and older. This service should be used when there are no skills being taught, and the person just needs someone with them in case something happens...such as when they are sleeping and need assistance to evacuate in an emergency or when they are home but not working on learning how to cook, take care of themselves or accomplish tasks.

Specialized Supplies – a service that covers the cost of incontinence supplies that are not covered by your MA Card. It covers adult diapers, incontinence pads, wipes, underpads, and gloves. Limit of \$500 per year.

Behavior Support – Includes functional assessment, development of strategies to support someone, and training for staff, parents and caregivers. Must be performed under the supervision of an individual with a Masters Degree in Human Services.

Other Changes:

- New Limits on Respite – 30 days of Overnight Respite per year and 120 hours of Temporary Respite per year. Families can ask for exceptions to these limits through the ODP Regional Offices.
- New limits on Day and Employment services – the combination of Supported Employment, Licensed Day Habilitation, Prevocational Services, and Transitional Work Services can not exceed 40 hours per week.
- Home and Vehicle Adaptations – split into two separate services, Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations and Home Accessibility Adaptations. Each service has its own limit. Vehicle = \$10,000 per 5 years. Home = \$20,000 per 10 years.
- Adaptive Equipment is now called Assistive Technology and Personal Support Services is now called Supports Broker.
- Education Support and Home Finding are now available in the Person Family Directed Support Waiver.

If you need more information about the services and the upcoming changes, you can ask your Supports Coordinator, visit www.TheTrainingPartnership.org to schedule a training or see the Service Definitions Bulletin, or contact Vision for Equality at 717-233-2424.