

DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration Companion Home Services

Overview

Companion Homes are based on the adult foster care model. Individuals and their provider build a long-lasting relationship. They work together on goals from the individual's Person-Centered Service Plan that help gain and improve life skills for living in the community.

Companion Homes provide 24-hour support and supervision for one adult in a home setting, with short term relief (also known as respite) available to the provider. Individuals served in a Companion Home create a room and board agreement with the provider. The provider receives a daily rate based on the individual's needs identified in their Person-Centered Service Plan. Companion Home providers contract with DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Eligibility Requirements

DDA clients who are:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Currently on or approved for Home and Community Based Services' Core waiver or have a written agreement with the provider to purchase CH residential services using the individual's personal financial resources.
- Assessed to need Companion Home residential habilitation services to meet their health and welfare needs in their Person-Centered Service Plan.
- Able to pay room and board with their personal financial resources.



Budget

A total of 78 DDA clients were assessed to receive Companion Home Residential Habilitation Services as of Oct. 1, 2023.

Rates

Companion Home rates are based on the client's assessment and the sum of support assessment scale scores. The reimbursement for each sum can be found in the "CH Rates" tab at [Developmental Disabilities Administration rates](#).

Partners

- Individuals receiving services.
- Families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Self-advocates.
- Advocacy organizations.
- Counties.
- Service providers.

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Oversight

DSHS uses a formal process to determine whether a service provider meets certification requirements described in law, DDA policies and the DDA contract. DDA conducts certification evaluation of the contracted providers at least annually. DSHS' Adult Protective Services investigates complaints regarding abuse, neglect, exploitation, financial exploitation or mistreatment of clients.

External

- DSHS' Adult Protective Services.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- Office of the Washington State Auditor.
- Washington State Department of Health.

Internal

- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring and Training.
- DDA Office of Quality Programs and Stakeholder Involvement.



Authority

[Chapter 71A RCW](#), Developmental Disabilities

[Chapter 388-825 WAC](#), DDA Service Rules

[Chapter 388-828 WAC](#), DDA Assessment

[Chapter 388-829C WAC](#), Companion Home