

## Typical and General Rules About What The Waiver Can Pay For

**Activities to Reduce Family Stress** – Are not waiver fundable. Must use county money and activity must include the client.

**Adaptive Clothing** – See “Clothing”.

**Additions** – See “Home Modifications”.

**Bed** – With a CDS plan, the waiver can pay the full cost of adaptive beds. See “Furniture”.

**Bed Linen** – With a CDS plan, only bed linens with an explanation of medical or behavioral need are acceptable fundable expenditures. See also “Property Damage”.

**Behavioral Rewards/Reinforcers** – See “Community Integration”. Behavior rewards that look very similar to parental responsibility (such as toys, etc.) or typically county funded items (movies, restaurants), must have a Community Integration/Habilitation/Behavior Plan included in their CDS plan.

**Books and Subscriptions** – With a CDS plan, books and subscriptions related to the client’s disability are allowable expenditures.

**Cable Television** – Is not typically waiver fundable.

**Car Washing Services** – Only interior car washes with a justification are acceptable fundable expenditures with a CDS plan.

**Checking Account Related Costs** – CDS checking account costs such as checks and service charges are waiver fundable as associated costs using a CDS plan. Excessive overdraft costs are NOT fundable.

**Chore Services** – To enable caregiver support. The waiver does pay for chore services such as lawn mowing, snow removal or housekeeping. These are for labor costs only and does not include supplies, chemicals, Chemlawn, etc.

**Client Support Agent** – Is waiver fundable with a CDS plan. Client Support Agent licensure and functions are currently being debated at the county and the state level.

**Clothing** – With a CDS plan, adaptive clothing and replacement clothing due to excessive wear and tear are waiver fundable. General clothing is not purchased except in special circumstances and then only with county money.

**Community Integration/ Orientation** – Memberships to the Zoo, Science Museum, etc may be fundable with a CDS plan. Things that look very similar to county funded rec/leisure or socialization must have a Community Integration/Habilitation/Behavior Plan as part of their CDS plan.

**Computer-Related Expenses** – Computers are waiver fundable only with a CDS plan. Computers are paid for through a client's individual budget. The limit for computers is \$1500. Computer related expenses are allowable only as described in the CDS plan. Educational programs are not allowable as such. See "Habilitation Activities/Materials".

**Educational Costs** – For clients are not waiver fundable. The school is considered financially responsible. See "Habilitation Activities/Materials". For educational costs for caregivers, see "Training for Caregiver".

**Fences** – Fences are paid for through POS, not in individual budgets, using an environmental modification code. The limit is \$4000. POS one-time money may not be supplemented with individual budget funds.

**Food/Special Diets** – The waiver does not pay for room and board. When a client has a special diet prescribed by medical personnel, the entire diet is fundable with a CDS plan. Special diets must relate to a medical condition or a nutritional need and may not relate to preferences or behaviors.

**Furniture** - The waiver does not pay for basic furniture. A CDS plan may pay for storage or locked cases for specific equipment related to the disability. Also see "Property Damage".

**Guardianship Costs** - Funds may be used for guardianship of an adult with a CDS plan.

**Habilitation Activities/Materials (skill building costs)** - The waiver pays for habilitation and associated materials within a CDS plan. Whenever the plan includes items that may look like they should be paid for by the school or when there are items that are typically paid for by the county, there needs to be a Community Integration/Habilitation/Behavior Plan included with the CDS plan. Examples include fast food, restaurants, movies, sporting events, etc.

**Home Modifications** - The waiver does not pay to add square footage to a home. The waiver pays for adaptations and items directly related to the disability. This is done through POS.

**Home Schooling Costs** – Are not fundable. Education is considered the school's financial responsibility.

**Housing Access Coordination** –The waiver does pay for this as a category of service (it does not need a CDS plan).

**Laundry Costs** - The waiver pays for the extra supplies/utilities only with a CDS plan. The average all-inclusive cost of doing laundry is \$3 per load.

**Legal Fees** – Are not waiver fundable or fundable by any governmental funding source. See "Wills/Trusts".

**Live In Caregiver Expenses** –The waiver does pay for this as a category of service (it does not need a CDS plan). The client must live IN THEIR OWN home to be eligible.

**Memberships: Zoo, Science Museum, etc.** – See "Community Integration".

**Mileage Cost of Support Staff/Caregiver** – See "Transportation". With a CDS plan, mileage reimbursement is fundable.

**Parental Service Coordination** – Is not waiver fundable for parents of minors.

**Peer Companionship** – Children can receive a nominal payment for adult-supervised peer companionship when part of a CDS plan.

**Play sets** – See "Swing Sets/Play Sets".

**Property Damage** – With a CDS plan, the waiver may pay for property repair or replacement that directly relates to the client's disability.

**Ramps** – Ramps are waiver fundable as environmental modification. Ramps are paid for through POS.

**Recreational/Leisure Activities** – Are not waiver fundable. See "Community Integration".

**Rewards** – As part of a CDS plan, an approved Community Integration/Habilitation/Behavior plan must be in place. See "Community Integration".

**Room and Board** – Is not waiver fundable.

**Safety Equipment** - Such as alarms, monitors, and shatterproof windows are waiver allowable expenditures.

**Sensory Supplies and Equipment** – With a CDS plan, specific equipment may be approved. See “Habilitation Activities/Materials”.

**Socialization** - Is not waiver fundable. See “Community Integration” or “Habilitation Activities/Materials”.

**Special Diets** – The waiver does not pay for room and board. When a client has a special diet prescribed by medical personnel, the entire diet is fundable with a CDS plan. Special diets must relate to a medical condition or a nutritional need and may not relate to preferences or behaviors.

**Spousal Dates** – Are not fundable by any funding source.

**Summer Activities** – Are not waiver fundable. See “Community Integration”.

**Supported Travel** – See Vacation/Respite policy.

**Supports – Family Members of Client** – There is a limit of 40 hours a week per family member who lives in the household.

**Supports – Parent/Guardian of Adult Client** – There is a limit of 40 hours a week per parent/guardian.

**Supports – Parent/Guardian of Minor Child** – The waiver does not allow parents/guardians of minors to be paid for providing support to their own child.

**Swing Sets/Play Sets** – Swing sets/play sets are waiver fundable under CDCS. Swing sets are paid for through POS not in individual budgets. The limit is \$2500. POS one-time money may not be supplemented with individual budget funds.

**Therapies and Supplies/Equipment**: - The waiver can pay for therapies such as sensory, music, drug, or herbal therapies under a CDS plan if the therapy is not covered by insurance or MA. Related supplies/equipment must be specified in the approved CDS plan.

**Toys/Games/Videos** – Are not waiver fundable. See “Habilitation Activities/Materials” or “Property Damage”.

**Training for Caregiver** – The waiver allows up to \$2500 a year for caregiver training. This may include airline tickets and hotel for the days of a conference (not extending the trip for a vacation).

**Transportation:**

- Vehicles are typically not paid for by any funding source.
- **Adaptations to vehicles** such as lifts, ramps, and tie downs always go through POS and are waiver fundable.
- The preferred method of payment is mileage reimbursement. The typical amount for a car is the county mileage reimbursement rate. Mileage costs above that would be determined situation by situation based on the costs for amortization, insurance, gas, oil and repairs for one year.
- Medical mileage reimbursement is still paid for through M.A.

**Utilities** - Examples: extra water, electric, heating, trash. The difference between the average utility costs and estimated costs that exceed average that are attributable to the client's disability are fundable with a CDS plan.

**Vacations and Related Costs** – Vacations are not waiver fundable. Caregiver expenses may be considered supports. See separate policy.

**Vehicles** – See "Transportation".

**Wheelchairs** – Are fundable with a CDS plan if not covered by MA or other insurance.

**Wills and Trusts** - Cannot be paid for by any funding source EVER.