



Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Taxonomy Category and Subcategory Definitions

The following table defines categories and subcategories in the HCBS Taxonomy. To acknowledge state variation, categories and subcategories are defined based on the minimum definition necessary to establish mutually distinct categories and subcategories. Sometimes, the definition is based on what is NOT included as well as what is included in a service. For example, the difference between companion services and personal care is that companion services do not include assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, eating, and toileting.

Some of the subcategories reflected below, including but not limited to personal care, case management, home health aide, and physician services, may (and in some case, must) also be covered under the Medicaid State Plan. The definitions below only define these subcategories for purposes of Section 1915(c) Waivers. States interested in reflecting services as “extended state plan” services must offer them in accordance with state plan service definitions. Consult with the CMS Division of Benefits and Coverage in those instances to ensure definition alignment.

The categories and subcategories are arranged in order of consideration for placing a particular service in the taxonomy. If one is not sure how to map a state’s service to the taxonomy, one should first consider Case Management, then Round-the-Clock Services, then Supported Employment, etc.

Category 01: Case Management

Definition: The development of a comprehensive, written individualized support plan. In addition, case management often includes assisting people in gaining access to necessary services, assessment of a person's needs, ongoing monitoring of service provision and/or a person's health and welfare, assistance in accessing supports to transition from an institutional setting (but not the transition services themselves), and development of a 24-hour individual back-up plan with formal and informal supports.

Table 1: Case Management Subcategory

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
01010 case management	care management supports coordination	Same definition as category 01.



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Category 02: Round-the-Clock Services

Definition: Services by a provider that has round-the-clock responsibility for the health and welfare of residents, except during the time other services (e.g., day services) are furnished. If these services are provided in a 1915(c) waiver, the state must complete Appendix G-3 of the 1915(c) waiver application regarding medication management and administration.

Table 2: Round-the-Clock Services Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
02011 group living, residential habilitation	group home services	Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills by a provider with round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare in a residence that is NOT a person's own home or apartment or a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services.
02012 group living, mental health services	not applicable	Mental health services by a provider with round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare in a residence that is NOT a person's own home or apartment or a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services.
02013 group living, other	assisted living	Health and social services not identified in subcategories 02011 and 02012 by a provider with round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare in a residence that is NOT a person's own home or apartment or a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services.
02021 shared living, residential habilitation	family living host homes	Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills provided in a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services and has round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare.
02022 shared living, mental health services	not applicable	Mental health services provided in a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services and has round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare.
02023 shared living, other	adult foster care	Health and social services not identified in subcategories 02021 and 02022 provided in a single family residence where one or more people with a disability live with a person or family who furnishes services and has round-the-clock responsibility for the residents' health and welfare.
02031 in-home residential habilitation	supported living	Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills provided in a person's home or apartment where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare.



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Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
02032 in-home round- the-clock mental health	not applicable	Mental health services provided in a person's home or apartment where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare.
02033 in-home round- the-clock	not applicable	Health and social services not identified in subcategories 02031 and 02032 provided in a person's home or apartment where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare.

Category 03: Supported Employment

Definition: Assistance to help a person obtain or maintain paid employment or self-employment.

Table 3: Supported Employment Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
03010 job	not applicable	Assistance to locate and obtain paid employment or self-employment.
03021 ongoing supported	not applicable	Assistance to maintain self-employment or paid employment in an individual job placement (i.e., person is working with people without disabilities).
03022 ongoing supported	not applicable	Assistance to maintain paid employment in a group placement (i.e., person is working on a team of people with disabilities).
03030 career planning	not applicable	Focused, time-limited assistance to identify a career direction and develop a plan to achieve employment.

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Category 04: Day Services

Definition: Services other than supported employment typically provided outside the person's home during the working day (i.e., Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.). These services provide a range of supports and are often, but not always, provided on a regularly scheduled basis at a site specifically established to provide day services.

Table 4: Day Services Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
04010 prevocational	not applicable	Time-limited services to provide learning and work experiences, including volunteer work, to acquire general skills that help a person obtain paid employment in integrated community settings.
04020 day habilitation	not applicable	Regularly scheduled activities in settings separate from the participant's residence, including assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills. This service includes community-based volunteer activities that include acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills. This service can include the supports offered in adult day health, adult day services (social model), and community integration if these supports are provided along with assistance in acquiring, retraining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills.
04030 education	not applicable	Services to help a person access post-secondary education.
04040 day treatment/ partial	not applicable	Services necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of the person's mental illness provided in a fixed site facility during the working day.
04050 adult day health	not applicable	Skilled health services and other support services, NOT including habilitation (i.e., assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills), provided to adults in a fixed site facility during the working day. This service can include the supports offered in adult day services (social model) if these supports are provided along with skilled health services.
04060 adult day services (social model)	not applicable	Support services, NOT including skilled health services and not including habilitation (i.e., assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills), provided to adults in a fixed site facility during the working day.
04070 community integration	escort	Assistance in participating in community activities, NOT including assistance with activities of daily living or assistance in acquiring, retraining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills. This service can include supports furnished in the person's residence related to community participation.
04080 medical day care for children	not applicable	Medical services beyond typical day care responsibilities provided during the working day for infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children.



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Category 05: Nursing

Definition: Services within the scope of the state's nurse practices act provided by a licensed nurse.

Table 5: Nursing Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
05010 private duty nursing	not applicable	Licensed nursing services provided on a continuous or full-time basis (e.g., for more than 4 consecutive hours per day and for more than 60 days). This service can include the supports offered in health assessment, health monitoring, and medication assessment if the service also includes other services within the scope of the state's nurse practices act.
05020 skilled nursing	not applicable	Licensed nursing services provided on a part-time or intermittent basis. This service can include the supports offered in health assessment, health monitoring, and medication assessment if the service also includes other services within the scope of the state's nurse practices act.

Category 06: Home Delivered Meals

Definition: Prepared meals sent to a person's home, which may not comprise a full nutritional regimen.

Table 6: Home Delivered Meals Subcategory

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
06010 home delivered meals	not applicable	Same definition as category 06.



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Category 07: Rent and Food Expenses for Live-in Caregiver

Definition: Payment for the additional costs of rent and food that can be attributed to an unrelated direct support worker living with the person. This service does not include payment for the direct support worker's services, which may be covered as part of other services such as personal care.

Table 7: Rent and Food Expenses for Live-in Caregiver Subcategory

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
07010 rent and food expenses for live-in	not applicable	Same definition as category 07.

Category 08: Home-Based Services

Definition: Services that support a person in his or her home or apartment, when the provider does not have round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare. These services can be provided in other community settings, but are primarily furnished in a person's home or apartment.

Table 8: Home-Based Services Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
08010 home-based habilitation	supported living (provided on an hourly basis)	Assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills provided in the person's home when the provider does NOT have round-the-clock responsibility for the person's health and welfare. This service can include the supports offered in community integration, home health aide, personal care, companion, and homemaker if these supports are provided along with assistance in acquiring, retraining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills.



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Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
08020 home health aide	not applicable	Assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) and/or health-related tasks provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings that are supervised by a registered nurse or licensed therapist and provided by a licensed home health agency. Home health aide may include assistance with instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs). Home health aide may include the supports offered in companion and homemaker if these supports are provided along with assistance with ADLs and/or health-related tasks. Home health aide does NOT include habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
08030 personal care	attendant care personal assistance personal attendant services	Assistance with ADLs and/or health-related tasks provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings, NOT including both provision by a licensed home health agency and a requirement for supervision by a licensed nurse or therapist. Personal care may include assistance with IADLs. Personal care may include the supports offered in companion and homemaker if these supports are provided along with assistance with ADLs and/or health-related tasks. Personal care does NOT include habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
08040 companion	adult companion night supervision	Supervision and/or social support provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings. Companion may also include performance of light housekeeping tasks (the supports offered in homemaker). Companion does NOT include assistance with ADLs or habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
08050 homemaker	not applicable	Performance of light housekeeping tasks provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings NOT including supervision and social support, assistance with ADLs, or habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).
08060 chore	not applicable	Performance of heavy household chores provided in a person's home and possibly other community settings NOT including supervision and social support, assistance with ADLs, or habilitation (assistance in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and/or adaptive skills).



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Category 09: Caregiver Support

Definition: Assistance to people who provide ongoing support to the person with a disability when assisting the support person is the primary purpose of the service. In most cases, the support person is unpaid. However, respite can be provided to relieve providers who furnish shared living (subcategories 02021, 02022, and 02023).

Table 9: Caregiver Support Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
09011 respite, out-of- home	not applicable	Short-term services provided because a support person is absent or needs relief NOT provided in a person's home or apartment when relieving the support person is the primary purpose of the service.
09012 respite, in-home	not applicable	Short-term services provided because a support person is absent or needs relief provided in a person's home or apartment when relieving the support person is the primary purpose of the service.
09020 caregiver counseling and/or training	not applicable	Counseling, emotional support, and/or training provided to a family member or friend providing support when providing counseling or training to the support person is the primary purpose of the service. Examples of training topics include a) skills to provide specific treatment regimens or help the person improve function, b) information about the person's disability or conditions, and c) navigation of the service system.

Category 10: Other Mental Health and Behavioral Services

Definition: Services NOT identified in previous categories that support people in improving or maintaining mental or behavioral health.

Table 10: Other Mental Health and Behavioral Services Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
10010 mental health assessment	not applicable	Assessment or evaluation of mental health status when the assessment is the primary purpose of the service. This service can include medication assessment if the assessment includes other mental health information.
10020 assertive community	not applicable	A range of mental health supports characterized by assertive engagement of the person, availability 24 hours a day, and support by an interdisciplinary team.

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10030 crisis intervention	crisis support	Response to stabilize a person exhibiting behavior that puts the person at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization.
10040 behavior support	behavior analysis behavior therapy	Services specifically to encourage positive behaviors and to decrease challenging behaviors, including a) assessment to identify antecedents to behaviors and b) development of a plan to improve behaviors.
10050 peer specialist	peer support	Mental health support services provided by a trained and credentialed person with a mental illness.
10060 counseling	not applicable	Individual or group therapy to develop coping skills or improve mental health function.
10070 psychosocial	not applicable	Assistance to improve or restore function in ADLs, IADLs, and social or adaptive skills NOT identified in previous categories or subcategories.
10080 clinic services	not applicable	Services for individuals with chronic mental illness furnished in a clinic or based in a clinic NOT identified in previous categories or subcategories.
10090 other mental health and behavioral	not applicable	Services NOT identified elsewhere in category 10 that support people in improving or maintaining mental or behavioral health.

Category 11: Other Health and Therapeutic Services

Definition: Services NOT identified in previous categories that support people in improving or maintaining health or functional capacity.

Table 11: Other Health and Therapeutic Services Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
11010 health monitoring	not applicable	Ongoing monitoring of physical health status when monitoring is the primary purpose of the service. This service can include medication monitoring if other aspects of a person's health also are monitored.
11020 health assessment	not applicable	Assessment or evaluation of physical health status when the assessment is the primary purpose of the service. This service can include medication assessment if the assessment includes other health information.
11030 medication assessment	not applicable	Assessment of medication administration and/or possible drug interactions—and/or oversight of ongoing medication administration—when the management of medications is the primary purpose of the service.



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11040 nutrition	not applicable	Assistance to a person to help him or her plan and implement changes to nutritional intake.
11050 physician services	not applicable	Services by a licensed physician. This service can include health assessment, medication assessment, and/or mental health assessment if other physician services are also provided.
11060 prescription	not applicable	Prescription drugs.
11070 dental services	not applicable	Services by a licensed dentist.
11080 occupational	not applicable	Services by a licensed occupational therapist.
11090 physical	not applicable	Services by a licensed physical therapist.
11100 speech, hearing, and	not applicable	Services by a licensed speech, hearing, and language therapist. This service includes services by a speech pathologist or a qualified audiologist.
11110 respiratory	not applicable	Services by a licensed respiratory therapist.
11120 cognitive rehabilitative	not applicable	Assistance to manage or restore cognitive function.
11130 other therapies	not applicable	Therapeutic interventions to maintain or improve function NOT identified in previous categories or subcategories. This subcategory includes specialized interventions such as those using art, music, dance, or trained animals.



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Category 12: Services Supporting Self-Direction

Definition: Services that assist a person and/or his or her representative in managing participant-directed services, as identified in the Participant Direction of Services section of the 1915(c) waiver or 1915(i) State Plan Amendment application.

Table 12: Services Supporting Self-Direction Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
12010 financial management services in support of self-direction	not applicable	Assistance to help a person and/or representative manage participant-directed services by a) performing financial tasks to facilitate the employment of staff; b) managing the disbursement of funds in a participant-directed budget; and/or c) performing fiscal accounting and making expenditure reports to the person, representative, and/or state authorities.
12020 information and assistance in support of self-	not applicable	Training the person and/or representative in directing or managing services. Topics include: a) the person's rights and responsibilities in participant direction; b) recruiting and hiring staff; c) managing staff and solving problems regarding services; and d) managing a participant-directed budget.

Category 13: Participant Training

Definition: Training provided to a participant when training the participant is the primary purpose of the service. Topics may include: a) specific treatment regimens, b) the person's disability or condition, and c) navigation of the service system.

Table 13: Participant Training Subcategory

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
13010 participant	not applicable	The same definition as category 13.

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Category 14: Equipment, Technology, and Modifications

Definition: Material goods to help a person improve or maintain function.

Table 14: Equipment, Technology, and Modifications Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
14010 personal emergency response system	not applicable	Devices that enable participants to signal a response center to secure help in an emergency. This service can include installation, maintenance, and monthly response center fees.
14020 home and/or vehicle accessibility	home and/or vehicle modifications	Physical changes to a private residence, automobile, or van, to accommodate the participant or improve his or her function.
14031 equipment and technology	assistive technology specialized medical equipment	The purchase or rent of items, devices, or product systems to increase or maintain a person's functional status. This service can include designing, fitting, adapting, and maintaining equipment, as well as training or technical assistance to use equipment.
14032 supplies	not applicable	The purchase of disposable medical supplies, including nutritional supplements.

Category 15: Non-Medical Transportation

Definition: Transportation not provided as part of another category such as round-the-clock services or a day services. This category may include: a) transportation to and from other waiver services; b) transportation to community activities where waiver services are not provided; and/or c) the purchase of public transit tokens or passes.

Table 15: Non-Medical Transportation Subcategory

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
15010 non-medical	not applicable	Same definition as category 15.



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Category 16: Community Transition Services

Definition: Non-recurring set-up expenses for moving to a residence where the person is responsible for living expenses.

Table 16: Community Transition Services Subcategory

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
16010 community	not applicable	Same definition as category 16.

Category 17: Other Services

Definition: Services NOT identified in previous categories.

Table 17: Other Services Subcategories

Subcategory	Common Names (where applicable)	Definition
17010 goods and services	Individually directed goods and services	Services, equipment, or supplies in the person's support plan NOT otherwise provided in the Medicaid program.
17020 interpreter	not applicable	Services provided by an individual to support communication by someone who has limited English proficiency or verbal skills, such as a sign language interpreter or communicator.
17030 housing	not applicable	Information and assistance to help a person identify and select housing.
17990 other	not applicable	Services NOT identified in previous categories and subcategories.