

Community Participation Support (CPS) and Day Habilitation Teleservices Codes

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AUDIENCE:

- Providers of the CPS service in the Consolidated, Community Living, and/or
 Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waivers
- Providers of the Day Habilitation service in the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)
- Support Coordination Organizations (SCOs)
- Supports Coordinators (SCs)
- Administrative Entities (AEs)
- All interested stakeholders

PURPOSE:

To provide guidance for implementing CPS and Day Habilitation teleservices codes.

DISCUSSION:

Teleservices are the delivery of direct services using remote technology. Teleservices were first approved in the Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) waivers on January 1, 2023 and preserved the flexibilities initially approved under Appendix K for select waiver services, including CPS and Day Habilitation. Under the Appendix K approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) during the Federal Public Health

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Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, providers utilized the same procedure codes for teleservices that are used for the delivery of in-person services. This guidance is obsolete as of November 11, 2023 with the end of Appendix K flexibilities.

When adding teleservices to the waivers approved effective January 1, 2023, ODP used a market-based approach to review data and rate assumptions as outlined in §6100.571 for all direct services that can be rendered via teleservices. As a result of this process, ODP found that changes to rates were needed to implement CPS and Day Habilitation teleservices. The rates and procedure codes were communicated in ODP Communication 22-051 as "Remote Community Participation Support/Day Habilitation." The name of the service is being changed to Community Participation Support Teleservices or Day Habilitation Teleservices to match the language approved in the waivers. These procedure codes are now available to be used in the Home and Community Services Information System (HCSIS).

Providers who currently or in the future will provide CPS and/or Day Habilitation teleservices must add teleservices to each service location where this method of service delivery will be provided. Information about how to do this is available in the HCSIS Learning Management System (LMS) under "Service Management" in a document titled *Provider Updates Tip Sheet 06162018*.

For Individuals That Currently Receive Teleservices

CPS and Day Habilitation Providers:

 Once the teleservice procedure codes have been added for each service location, the provider must notify the SC as soon as possible that the appropriate teleservices codes are available to be added to that individual's Individual Support Plan (ISP) and provide the frequency and duration of the teleservices to the SC.

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SCs:

• The SC must add the appropriate teleservices codes to the individual's ISP no

later than December 31, 2023. The effective date for the teleservices codes

in the ISP can be as soon as November 11, 2023, but no later than January 1,

2024. Providers can no longer bill the in-person procedure codes as of the

effective date of teleservices authorized in the ISP or January 1, 2024,

whichever is earlier.

• The SC is responsible for ensuring that the guidelines for utilizing CPS or Day

Habilitation teleservices in the current approved waivers has been met. If

the guidelines have not been met, an ISP team meeting will need to be held.

For When Teleservices Will Be a New Service for the Individual(s)

An ISP team meeting must be held prior to the SC adding any CPS or Day

Habilitation teleservices codes to the individual's ISP. This meeting must

include a review of the guidelines for utilizing teleservices in the current

approved waivers, including the special instructions for CPS or Day

Habilitation teleservices.

Available Guidance for Teleservices:

• General guidance (pg.46) as well as CPS-specific guidance (pg.73) for utilizing

teleservices as a method of service delivery is available in the currently

approved ISP Manual, available at the following link: Individual Support Plan

(ISP) Manual (www.dhs.pa.gov).

 General and Day Habilitation-specific guidance for utilizing teleservices in the AAW can be found on page 13 of the currently approved Provider Info Table, available at the following link: <u>Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Provider</u>
 <u>Information Table (www.dhs.pa.gov)</u>.

Please note that the CPS/Day Habilitation-specific guidance is <u>in addition to</u> the general guidance for teleservices in the applicable waivers.

Procedure Codes Used for CPS or Day Habilitation Teleservices Starting No Later
Than January 1, 2024

- 1:1 to 1:5 **W0065**
- 1:6 and above **W0066**

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Questions about this announcement should be directed to your ODP Regional Program Office.