

# Home-Based Support Services



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# What is Home-Based Support Services (HBS)?

- Offered as a part of the Developmental Disability Adult Waiver program, also offered as the Children's In-home Support program
- HBS is a "self-directed" program in that individuals, guardians and families have the responsibility to arrange and manage their own services and supports.

# What is Home-Based Services?

- HBS provides a monthly budget that you can use to purchase needed services and supports, as identified in your Personal Plan.
  - ✓ Your HBS monthly budget/allotment does not come to you in cash or a check but is a set amount available for you to purchase services.

See next page for more information on the HBS monthly budget...

# HBS Budget

- HBS monthly budget increases are enacted in January of each year, when applicable, in accordance with federal Supplemental Security Income changes.
- On occasion, the Division updates the rates for other DD services such as Community Day Services. When this happens, individuals and families who purchase these services and supports through Home-Based funding need to revise their HBS Service Agreement to accommodate any new rates.

# What is the Purpose of Home-Based Services (HBS)?

- To prevent or delay the need for out of home residential services.
- To purchase needed services that will help you (the person with a developmental disability) continue living safely and successfully in your own home or with your family.
- HBS is to be used for your (the person with a developmental disability) personal benefit and not for the benefit of the family, guardians or service providers.

# Some of the Available Services in HBS

- Personal Support Workers (PSW)
- Day programs
- Employment Services
- Speech Therapy
- Nursing
- Behavior Intervention & Treatment
- Training & Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers

**\*Talk to your ISC agency for a complete list of available service and look at the Consumer Handbook for HBS Services at**

**[https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=101181#a\\_toc1](https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=101181#a_toc1)**

# \*Notes

- Individuals/families can hire Personal Support Workers (PSW) directly, you can them from provider agencies (if they offer this service), or you can use a combination of both.
- HBS participants are required to use a Fiscal Agent when hiring PSWs that are not employees of a provider agency.
- Programs offered by park districts, health clubs and community colleges do not meet the criteria for Home and Community Based Waiver services and cannot be paid for directly through the HBS program.

# Coming Soon...

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system:

- A telephone and computer-based system that electronically verifies when services are provided.
- The goal is to improve Medicaid program integrity, reduce overpayments and claim errors, safeguard against fraud and abuse, improve program oversight, and comply with new federal requirements (42 U.S.C. 1396b).
- Healthcare and Family Services has released a [Request for Proposal](#) for an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system.



# Resources on HBS

- Consumer Handbook for HBS  
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=101181>
- HBS Information  
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=93376>
- SDA Guidelines  
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=93863>
- HBS Frequently Asked Questions  
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=93850>

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