

One-time Transitional Costs

(b)(3) Waiver Service

T2038 U4 – ID/DD; H0043 U4 – Mental Health

SERVICE

One-time Transitional Costs (Community Transition) provide for one-time set-up expenses for adults to facilitate their transition from an institutional setting such as a state developmental center, community ICF-IID, nursing facility, licensed group home, alternative family living, foster home, adult care homes (including those determined to be an Institution for Mental Disease) and state psychiatric institutions to a living arrangement where the individual is directly responsible for his or her own living expenses. This service may only be provided in a private home or apartment with a lease in the beneficiary's/ legal guardian's/representative's name or a home owned by the beneficiary.

Community Transition may also be provided to individuals diverted from entry into Adult Care Homes due to preadmission, screening and diversion efforts, provided that the individual is moving to a living arrangement where the individual is directly responsible for his or her own living expenses.

Covered **Community Transition** services are:

1. Security deposits that are required to obtain a lease on an apartment or a home;
2. Essential furnishings, including furniture, window coverings, food preparation items, bed/bath linens;
3. Moving expenses required to occupy and use a community domicile;
4. Set-up fees or deposits for utility or service access, including telephone, electricity, heating and water; and / or
5. Service necessary for the beneficiary's health and safety, such as pest eradication and one-time cleaning prior to occupancy.

Community Transition expenses are furnished only to the extent that the member is unable to meet such an expense or when the support cannot be obtained from other sources. These supports may be provided only once to a waiver beneficiary. These services are available only during the three-month period that commences one month in advance of the member's move to an integrated living arrangement.

PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

Community Transition services are provided by:

1. Specialized vendor suppliers: Meets applicable regulations for type of service that the provider/supplier is providing as approved by the LME/MCO
2. Agencies that provide **Community Guide** services that meet the following requirements:
 - a. NC G.S. 122C, as applicable
 - b. Meet applicable regulations
3. Commercial/retail businesses: Meets application regulations for type of service that the provider/supplier is providing.

STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable

POPULATIONS ELIGIBLE

- Individuals age 18 and older who are functionally eligible for, but not enrolled in, the N.C. Innovations 1915(c) Waiver program; or
- Individuals in the special population receiving treatment planning who have Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) who reside in an Adult Care Home; or
- Individuals with SMI/SPMI transitioning from Adult Care Homes and State Psychiatric Institutions; or
- Individuals diverted from entry into Adult Care Homes due to preadmission screening and diversion process.

UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

- **Community Transition** is provided only to the extent that the individual is unable to meet such expenses or when the support cannot be obtained from other sources.
- **Community Transition** may be provided only once to any individual and has a lifetime limit of \$5,000 per individual
- **Community Transition** is available only during the three-month period that commences one month in advance of the individual's move to an integrated living arrangement.

SERVICE ORDERS

Not required

CONTINUED STAY CRITERIA

Not applicable

DISCHARGE CRITERIA

Not applicable

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

The **Community Transition** Checklist is completed to document the items requested under this definition. The checklist is submitted to the LME/MCO by the agency that is providing the services.

SERVICE EXCLUSIONS

Total expenditures for **Community Transition** cannot exceed the 1915(b)(3) resources available in the waiver. Community Transition does not include:

- Monthly rental or mortgage expenses
- Regular utility bills
- Household appliances or recreational items such as televisions and CD/DVD players and components
- Service and maintenance contracts and extended warranties

Individuals on the Innovations Waiver are not eligible for (b)(3)-funded services.

Community Transition may not be provided by family members.