

Specialized Consultation Services Guidance

Specialized Consultation Services (SCS) provide expertise, training, and technical assistance in a specialty area (psychology, behavior intervention, speech therapy, therapeutic recreation, augmentative communication, assistive technology equipment, occupational therapy, physical therapy, nutrition, and other licensed professionals who possess experience with individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities [I/DD]) to assist family members, support staff, and other natural supports help individuals with I/DD. Under this model, family members and other paid/unpaid caregivers are trained by a certified, licensed, and/or registered professional or qualified assistive technology professional to carry out therapeutic interventions consistent with the plan of care, also known as an Individual Support Plan, or ISP.

SCS Service Requirements:

- The member has had an assessment that identifies specific support need(s).
- Documentation shows family members, support staff, and other natural supports require special expertise and training to support the member in the identified area(s).
- There is a service plan that addresses interventions, training, and technical assistance to be provided to natural supports and direct service staff.
- Data documenting the interventions and outcomes is collected and reviewed regularly.
- The intervention plan is reviewed and revised regularly.
- Requests for continued SCS demonstrate progress toward goals and the caregiver's continued need for further training and expertise. Recent outcome data with analysis should be submitted with requests for continued SCS.