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Caregiver compensation:
Program guidance (Physical disabilities)

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A person must meet the following requirements to receive physical disability caregiver compensation. There are no limits to the amount of service which may be provided when the conditions below are met. The program primarily serves persons who are able to demonstrate the ability to self-direct their care.

One of the following must apply:

- The person lives in a rural area with no other supportive resources available within a reasonable geographic area (15 miles). The person must continue to try to recruit resources other than a parent, step-parent, and/or legal guardian.
- The parent or step-parent who provides the caregiving services has specialized training to safely operate health-related technology for the person.
- The person is functionally quadriplegic and dependent on others to perform health and safety related supports and other activities of daily living.
- The person requires support critical to their health and safety during non-traditional work hours.

The following controls make sure payments are made only for services rendered:

- The service is specified in the participant's Person-Centered Support Plan (PCSP).
- A parent, step-parent, or guardian must meet all of the following conditions:
    - Meet the criteria outlined in Personal Attendant Service.
    - Can not be paid a higher rate than would be paid to an employee.
    - Submit timesheets and other required documentation for hours paid.

The administrative case manager must meet the following monitoring requirements/provisions:

- Conduct monthly review of hours billed for parent, step-parent, and/or legal guardian care to make sure it is used appropriately and complies with the billing process.
- Contact the person at least quarterly to ensure program compliance, the participant's health and safety, and confirm the participant still qualifies for the service.

- Conduct annual Self-Administered Services (SAS) reviews.