

Companion service (CO1)

SAS service code

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A. General description:

Companion service (CO1) provides one-on-one non-medical care, socialization, and supervision, for persons. Companions assist with or supervise tasks like meal preparation, shopping, laundry. Occasionally, they may assist with light housekeeping chores necessary for care and supervision of the person.

B. Population served:

Persons with intellectual difficulties, related conditions (ID, RC), and/or adults age 18 years and over with acquired brain injury (ABI), as defined in Utah Administrative Code, Rule R539-1 and receiving Department of Health & Human Services Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DHHS DSPD) self-administered services (SAS).

C. Direct service requirements:

1. All General SAS requirements shall be implemented

CO1 employee shall

2. Provide socialization
3. Assist and supervise tasks like meal preparation, shopping, and laundry
4. Occasionally assist with light housekeeping chores necessary for care
5. Provide access to community services assisting the person in accessing community services and resources, including but not limited to finding housing, applying for food stamps, and obtaining Social Security benefits.
6. If providing transportation, the employee shall have:
 - a. A current and valid driver's license
 - b. Current vehicle registration
 - c. Current automobile insurance

Employee shall ensure:

- d. Persons are not left unattended in the vehicle.
- e. Persons use lap/shoulder belts and remain seated while the vehicle is in motion.
- f. Keys are removed from the vehicle at all time when the driver is not in the driver's seat unless the driver is actively operating a lift on vehicles that require the keys to be in the ignition to operate the lift.
- g. All persons in wheelchairs use both the available lap belt and wheel locks on the person's wheelchair and available lap/shoulder belt within the vehicle/mechanisms to restrict

movement of wheelchairs during travel seat belts, or locking mechanisms to immobilize wheelchairs during travel.

- h. Persons are transported in safety restraint seats when required by Utah state law.
- i. Vehicles used for transporting persons have working door locks. Doors are locked at all times while the vehicle is moving.
- j. Persons arrive safely at the scheduled time and arranged destination, that no person is left alone along the way to or from day supports even in emergency situations or when the health and safety of others may be in question. If necessary during an emergency, the driver may wait until another driver arrives to complete the transportation.

D. Limitations

CO1 shall not:

- 1. Be provided or billed for medical or personal nursing care.
- 2. Be used for personal nursing care.
- 3. Be provided or billed at the same time at the same time persons are receiving any other DHHS DSPD services.

E. Employee qualifications:

The employee shall meet all general SAS staff qualifications

F. Specific training requirements:

General SAS service training requirements shall be completed before providing services

E. Rate:

CO1 is a one-to-one, quarter hour service.