



**Mississippi Department of Mental Health**  
**Provider Bulletin**  
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**Subject:** IDD Community Support Program – 1915 (i) State Plan Amendment

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**Scope**

All DMH Certified Providers

**Purpose:**

To clarify program requirements and the certification process for providing services under the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (IDD Community Support Program).

**Background:**

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment to provide benefits for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Persons eligible to receive Home and Community-Based Services through the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment must be eligible for Mississippi Medicaid and meet needs-based eligibility requirements for the program. The program will be called Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Community Support Program (IDD CSP).

**Subject:**

***Eligibility Determination***

Eligibility determination for the IDD CSP begins with an evaluation by the Diagnostic and Evaluation Team at one of the five (5) State Comprehensive Regional Programs. The person is not required to meet the ICF/IID Level of Care as those enrolled in ID/DD Waiver. Eligibility is determined using needs-based criteria as evidenced by the following:

- Diagnosis of intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Developmental Disabilities certification including the existence of significant functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity including receptive/expressive language, learning, self-care, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency
- Need for habilitation services and the likelihood of retaining new skills through habilitation over time
- Need for assistance typically demonstrated by meeting at least two of the following criteria on a continuing or intermittent basis:

- Is unemployed or employed in a sheltered setting, or has markedly limited skills and a poor or non-existent work history (Is not employed in the community at large)
- Shows severe inability to establish or maintain a beneficial, meaningful personal social support system (Does not benefit from a meaningful, personal support system)
- Requires help in basic Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) such as money management, housekeeping, meal planning and preparation; shopping for food, clothing and other essential items; communicating by phone or other media; and traveling around and participating in the community (activities/events)
- Exhibits inappropriate social behavior that results in the need for intervention (Expresses self in ways that are socially inappropriate)
- Requires financial assistance to live successfully in the community and may be unable to procure the assistance without help.

### ***IDD Community Support Program Services***

#### ***Day Habilitation***

Day Habilitation Services through the IDD CSP are similar to Day Services Adult provided under ID/DD Waiver. Providers of Day Habilitation Services are to meet standards for Day Services Adult as outlined in Rule 28.1 of the DMH Operational Standards for Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse ***with the following exceptions:***

- Community integration is *not* required for persons in Day Habilitation in the IDD CSP
- Transportation is *not* required
- Day Habilitation Services cannot exceed five (5) hours per day and must be delivered at least four (4) hours one (1) day per week
- Staffing ratio for persons in Day Habilitation is one (1) staff for every eight (8) persons

The Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Day Habilitation is \$10.80 per hour.

#### ***Prevocational Services***

Prevocational Services through the IDD CSP are the same as Prevocational Services provided under ID/DD Waiver. Providers are required to meet standards concerning Prevocational Services as outlined in Rule 28.3 of the DMH Operational Standards for Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse. Services cannot exceed six (6) hours per day. The Medicaid Reimbursement Rate is \$12.52 per hour.

#### ***Supported Employment***

Supported Employment Services through the IDD CSP are the same as Supported Employment provided under the ID/DD Waiver ***with the following exceptions:***

- Supported Employment under the IDD CSP cannot exceed forty (40) hours per month.
- Targeted Case Managers will refer persons interested in Supported Employment to the MS Department of Rehabilitation Services. Providers may provide Supported Employment while waiting on determination from MDRS

Providers are required to meet all other standards concerning Supported Employment as outlined in Rule 28.5 of the DMH Operational Standards for Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse. The Medicaid Reimbursement Rate is \$25.00 per hour.

#### ***Conflict of Interest Standards***

To meet the Conflict of Interest requirements of the IDD CSP, only DMH certified providers other than the IDD Regional Programs can provide services offered through the IDD CSP. Only the five (5) IDD Regional Programs can provide Diagnostic and Evaluation Services and Targeted Case Management.

### ***Certification Requirements***

Currently certified providers of Prevocational Services and Supported Employment will be recognized by DMH as certification for the comparable services through the IDD Community Support Program. Providers currently certified for Day Services-Adult or Day Support may use these certifications for Day Habilitation until DMH Operational Standards are developed. At that time, providers must become certified to provide Day Habilitation under the DMH Operational Standards.

A provider currently certified for any of these services must submit a letter of intent to the Division of Certification indicating which services are to be provided through the IDD Community Support Program. Once notification/certification is complete, DMH will issue the agency certification to reflect the additional certification type of DMH/O.

Providers not currently certified must submit a full application for each of the services they intend to provide. If approved, the agency will be certified as DMH/O to provide IDD Community Support Services.