

# Transition Services Policy

## Stakeholder Input Summary

Transition Services are one of the DDA-operated Waiver Program support services. Transition Services provide funding for allowable expenses related to a person moving from (1) an institutional setting to a group home or a private residence in the community or (2) from a community residential provider to a private residence in the community.

The Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) issued its proposed policy for Transition Services on March 22, 2023, requesting input from participants, families, Coordination of Community Service agencies, community providers, and advocacy organizations. The stakeholder input period ended on April 6, 2023. In total two (2) unduplicated stakeholders submitted input. Below is a summary of the stakeholder recommendations and the DDA's responses.

	Comment	DDA Response
1.	<p>Comment: Please provide more details regarding the definition of an institutional setting. Some individuals move from a residential school program, but the location may be a house in the community; it is unclear if this move qualifies the person for transition services.</p>	<p>The policy defines “Institution” as an establishment that provides food, shelter, services or treatment to four or more individuals not related to the owner of the establishment. Institutional settings include but may not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities;</li> <li>2. Hospitals;</li> <li>3. Nursing Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities;</li> <li>4. Psychiatric Hospitals and Hospital units;</li> <li>5. Rehabilitation Hospitals and Units;</li> <li>6. Inpatient Acute Care Hospitals; and</li> <li>7. Other specialty hospitals.</li> </ol>
2.	<p>A person moving from a family home to a community living or to supported living services group home service should be included as allowed to have transition services.</p>	<p>The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) denied the DDA’s request to support transition services when a person moves from their family home.</p> <p>Per the CMS Technical Guide, the scope of Transition Services is limited to non-recurring set-up expenses for individuals who are</p>

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		transitioning from an institutional or another provider-operated living arrangement to a living arrangement in a private residence where the person is directly responsible for his or her own living expenses.
3.	Comment: Internet startup should be allowable along with the other utility deposits or startup fees that are included.	Internet start up costs are excluded from this service, as it is not an essential utility.
4.	Comment: The purchase of items should be allowed to occur prior to moving in, as items would be needed to be in place prior to move in, and currently policy says within sixty days after move in.	<p>Agree. The policy states that Transition Services may be provided to an individual leaving an institution up to 180 days prior to their enrollment in a Waiver Program, and must be purchased within 60 days after moving.</p> <p>Clarifying language will be added in the billing section: <i>“When Transition Services are provided to <u>a person</u> <del>individuals not yet enrolled in a DDA-funded program up to 180 days prior to returning moving to the community from a Medicaid institutional setting, and not enrolled in a DDA-funded program,</del> the costs of these services are considered to be <u>billed as</u> an administrative cost.”</i></p>