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51183 Personal Care Services

Personal care services include (a) personal care services and (b) ancillary services prescribed in accordance with a plan oftreatment.

(a)

Personal care services include:(1) Assisting with ambulation, including walking or moving around (i.e., wheelchair) inside the home, changing locations in a room, moving from room to room to gain access for the purpose of engaging in other activities. Ambulation does not include movement solely for the purpose of exercise. (2) Bathing and grooming including the cleaning the body using a tub, shower or sponge bath, including getting a basin of water, managing faucets, getting in and out of tub, or shower, reaching head and body parts for soaping, rising, and drying. Grooming includes hair combing and brushing, shampooing, oral hygiene, shaving and fingernail and toenail care. (3) Dressing includes putting on and taking off, fastening and unfastening garments and undergarments, and special devices such as back or leg braces, corsets, elastic stockings/garments and artificial limbs or splints. (4) Bowel, bladder and menstrual care including assisting the person on and off toilet or commode and emptying commode, managing clothing and wiping and cleaning body after toileting, assistance with using and emptying bedpans, ostomy and/or catheter receptacles and urinals, application of diapers and disposable barrier pads. (5) Repositioning, transfer skin care, and range of motion exercises.(A) Includes moving from one sitting or lying position to

another sitting or lying position; e.g., from bed to or from a wheelchair, chair, sofa, and the like, coming to a standing position and/or rubbing skin and repositing to promote circulation and prevent skin breakdown. However, if decubiti have developed, the need for skin and wound care is a paramedical service. (B) Such exercises shall include the carrying out of maintenance programs, i.e., the performance of the repetitive exercises required to maintain function, improve gait, maintain strength, or endurance; passive exercises to maintain range of motion in paralyzed extremities; and assistive walking. (6) Feeding, hydration assistance including reaching for, picking up, grasping utensil and cup; getting food on utensil, bringing food, utensil, cup to mouth, manipulating food on plate. Cleaning face and hands as necessary following meal. (7) Assistance with self administration of medications. Assistance with self-administration of medications consists of reminding the beneficiary to take prescribed and/or over-the-counter medications when they are to be taken and setting up Medi-sets. (8) Respiration limited to nonmedical services such as assistance with self-administration of oxygen, assistance in the use of a nebulizer, and cleaning oxygen equipment. (9) Paramedical services are defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12300.1 as follows: (A) Paramedical services include the administration of medications, puncturing the skin or inserting a medical device into a body orifice, activities requiring sterile procedures, or other activities requiring judgment based on training given by a licensed health care professional. (B) Paramedical services are activities which persons could perform for themselves but for their functional limitations. (C) Paramedical services are activities which, due to the beneficiary's physical or mental condition, are necessary to maintain the beneficiary's health.

(1)

Assisting with ambulation, including walking or moving around (i.e., wheelchair) inside

the home, changing locations in a room, moving from room to room to gain access for the purpose of engaging in other activities. Ambulation does not include movement solely for the purpose of exercise.

(2)

Bathing and grooming including the cleaning the body using a tub, shower or sponge bath, including getting a basin of water, managing faucets, getting in and out of tub, or shower, reaching head and body parts for soaping, rising, and drying. Grooming includes hair combing and brushing, shampooing, oral hygiene, shaving and fingernail and toenail care.

(3)

Dressing includes putting on and taking off, fastening and unfastening garments and undergarments, and special devices such as back or leg braces, corsets, elastic stockings/garments and artificial limbs or splints.

(4)

Bowel, bladder and menstrual care including assisting the person on and off toilet or commode and emptying commode, managing clothing and wiping and cleaning body after toileting, assistance with using and emptying bedpans, ostomy and/or catheter receptacles and urinals, application of diapers and disposable barrier pads.

(5)

Repositioning, transfer skin care, and range of motion exercises.(A) Includes moving from one sitting or lying position to another sitting or lying position; e.g., from bed to or from a wheelchair, chair, sofa, and the like, coming to a standing position and/or rubbing skin and repositing to promote circulation and prevent skin breakdown.

However, if decubiti have developed, the need for skin and wound care is a paramedical service. (B) Such exercises shall include the carrying out of maintenance programs, i.e., the performance of the repetitive exercises required to maintain function, improve gait,

maintain strength, or endurance; passive exercises to maintain range of motion in paralyzed extremities; and assistive walking.

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However, if decubiti have developed, the need for skin and wound care is a paramedical service.

(B)

Such exercises shall include the carrying out of maintenance programs, i.e., the performance of the repetitive exercises required to maintain function, improve gait, maintain strength, or endurance; passive exercises to maintain range of motion in paralyzed extremities; and assistive walking.

(6)

Feeding, hydration assistance including reaching for, picking up, grasping utensil and cup; getting food on utensil, bringing food, utensil, cup to mouth, manipulating food on plate. Cleaning face and hands as necessary following meal.

(7)

Assistance with self administration of medications. Assistance with self-administration of medications consists of reminding the beneficiary to take prescribed and/or over-the-counter medications when they are to be taken and setting up Medi-sets.

(8)

Respiration limited to nonmedical services such as assistance with self-administration of oxygen, assistance in the use of a nebulizer, and cleaning oxygen equipment.

(9)

Paramedical services are defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12300.1 as

follows: (A) Paramedical services include the administration of medications, puncturing the skin or inserting a medical device into a body orifice, activities requiring sterile procedures, or other activities requiring judgment based on training given by a licensed health care professional. (B) Paramedical services are activities which persons could perform for themselves but for their functional limitations. (C) Paramedical services are activities which, due to the beneficiary's physical or mental condition, are necessary to maintain the beneficiary's health.

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(B)

Paramedical services are activities which persons could perform for themselves but for their functional limitations.

(C)

Paramedical services are activities which, due to the beneficiary's physical or mental condition, are necessary to maintain the beneficiary's health.

(b)

Ancillary services are subject to time per task guidelines when established in Sections 30-758 and 30-763.235(b) and 30-763.24 of the Department of Social Services' Manual of Policies and Procedures and are limited to the following: (1) Domestic services are limited to the following:(A) Sweeping, vacuuming, washing and waxing of floor surfaces. (B) Washing kitchen counters and sinks. (C) Storing food and supplies. (D) Taking out the garbage. (E) Dusting and picking up. (F) Cleaning oven and stove. (G) Cleaning and defrosting refrigerator. (H) Bringing in fuel for heating or cooking purposes from a fuel bin in the yard. (I) Changing bed

linen. (J) Miscellaneous domestic services (e.g., changing light bulbs and wheelchair cleaning, and changing and recharging wheelchair batteries) when the service is identified and documented by the case worker as necessary for the beneficiary to remain safely in his/her home. (2) Laundry services include washing and drying laundry, and is limited to sorting, manipulating soap containers, reaching into machines, handling wet laundry, operating machine controls, hanging laundry to dry if dryer is not routinely used, mending, or ironing, folding, and storing clothing on shelves, in closets or in drawers. (3) Reasonable food shopping and errands limited to the nearest available stores or other facilities consistent with the beneficiary's economy and needs; compiling a list, bending, reaching, and lifting, managing cart or basket, identifying items needed, putting items away, phoning in and picking up prescriptions, and buying clothing. (4) Meal preparation and cleanup including planning menus; e.g., washing, peeling and slicing vegetables; opening packages, cans and bags, mixing ingredients; lifting pots and pans; reheating food, cooking, and safely operating stove, setting the table and serving the meals; cutting the food into bite-size pieces; washing and drying dishes, and putting them away. (5) Assistance by the provider is available for accompaniment when the beneficiary's presence is required at the destination and such assistance is necessary to accomplish the travel limited to:(A) Accompaniment to and from appointments with physicians, dentists and other health practitioners. This accompaniment shall be authorized only after staff of the designated county department has determined that no other Medi-Cal service will provide transportation in the specific case. (B) Accompaniment to the site where alternative resources provide in-home supportive services to the beneficiary in lieu of IHSS. This accompaniment shall be authorized only after staff of the designated county department have determined that neither accompaniment nor

transportation is available by the program. (6) Heavy Cleaning which involves thorough cleaning of the home to remove hazardous debris or dirt. (7) Yard hazard abatement which is light work in the yard which may be authorized for: (A) removal of high grass or weeds and rubbish when this constitutes a fire hazard (B) removal of ice, snow or other hazardous substances from entrances and essential walkways when access to the home is hazardous.

(1)

Domestic services are limited to the following:(A) Sweeping, vacuuming, washing and waxing of floor surfaces. (B) Washing kitchen counters and sinks. (C) Storing food and supplies. (D) Taking out the garbage. (E) Dusting and picking up. (F) Cleaning oven and stove. (G) Cleaning and defrosting refrigerator. (H) Bringing in fuel for heating or cooking purposes from a fuel bin in the yard. (I) Changing bed linen. (J) Miscellaneous domestic services (e.g., changing light bulbs and wheelchair cleaning, and changing and recharging wheelchair batteries) when the service is identified and documented by the case worker as necessary for the beneficiary to remain safely in his/her home.

(A)

Sweeping, vacuuming, washing and waxing of floor surfaces.

(B)

Washing kitchen counters and sinks.

(C)

Storing food and supplies.

(D)

Taking out the garbage.

(E)

Dusting and picking up.

(F)

Cleaning oven and stove.

(G)

Cleaning and defrosting refrigerator.

(H)

Bringing in fuel for heating or cooking purposes from a fuel bin in the yard.

(I)

Changing bed linen.

(J)

Miscellaneous domestic services (e.g., changing light bulbs and wheelchair cleaning, and changing and recharging wheelchair batteries) when the service is identified and documented by the case worker as necessary for the beneficiary to remain safely in his/her home.

(2)

Laundry services include washing and drying laundry, and is limited to sorting, manipulating soap containers, reaching into machines, handling wet laundry, operating machine controls, hanging laundry to dry if dryer is not routinely used, mending, or ironing, folding, and storing clothing on shelves, in closets or in drawers.

(3)

Reasonable food shopping and errands limited to the nearest available stores or other facilities consistent with the beneficiary's economy and needs; compiling a list, bending, reaching, and lifting, managing cart or basket, identifying items needed, putting items away, phoning in and picking up prescriptions, and buying clothing.

(4)

Meal preparation and cleanup including planning menus; e.g., washing, peeling and slicing vegetables; opening packages, cans and bags, mixing ingredients; lifting pots and pans; reheating food, cooking, and safely operating stove, setting the table and serving the meals; cutting the food into bite-size pieces; washing and drying dishes, and

putting them away.

(5)

Assistance by the provider is available for accompaniment when the beneficiary's presence is required at the destination and such assistance is necessary to accomplish the travel limited to:(A) Accompaniment to and from appointments with physicians, dentists and other health practitioners. This accompaniment shall be authorized only after staff of the designated county department has determined that no other Medi-Cal service will provide transportation in the specific case. (B) Accompaniment to the site where alternative resources provide in-home supportive services to the beneficiary in lieu of IHSS. This accompaniment shall be authorized only after staff of the designated county department have determined that neither accompaniment nor transportation is available by the program.

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Accompaniment to and from appointments with physicians, dentists and other health practitioners. This accompaniment shall be authorized only after staff of the designated county department has determined that no other Medi-Cal service will provide transportation in the specific case.

(B)

Accompaniment to the site where alternative resources provide in-home supportive services to the beneficiary in lieu of IHSS. This accompaniment shall be authorized only after staff of the designated county department have determined that neither accompaniment nor transportation is available by the program.

(6)

Heavy Cleaning which involves thorough cleaning of the home to remove hazardous debris or dirt.

(7)

Yard hazard abatement which is light work in the yard which may be authorized for:

(A) removal of high grass or weeds and rubbish when this constitutes a fire hazard (B) removal of ice, snow or other hazardous substances from entrances and essential walkways when access to the home is hazardous.

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(c)

Ancillary services may not be provided separately from personal care services listed in section (a) above.