

## Caregiver living expenses

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Legal authority	<a href="#">Federally approved BI, CAC, CADI and DD waiver plans</a>	
Definitions	<p><b>Caregiver living expenses:</b> Certain expenses incurred by an unrelated caregiver who lives in the same home as a person age 18 or older who receives waiver services when the caregiver also provides an approved service.</p> <p><b>Unrelated caregiver:</b> A person who is not related by blood, marriage or adoption to any degree.</p> <p><b>Legally responsible individual:</b> Any of the following people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent (biological and adoptive) of a minor child.</li> <li>• Legal guardian, as determined by a court of law.</li> <li>• Conservator, as determined by a court of law.</li> </ul>	
Eligibility	<p>A person is eligible for their unrelated caregiver to be reimbursed through caregiver living expenses when the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has an unrelated caregiver residing in the same home.</li> <li>• Is an adult.</li> <li>• Lives in their own home (refer to <a href="#">CBSM – Requirements for a person’s own home</a>).</li> <li>• Receives an approved service provided by the live-in, unrelated caregiver (refer to the <a href="#">covered services section</a>).</li> </ul>	
Covered services	<p>Covered services are the portion of rent and food reasonably attributed to the live-in, unrelated caregiver when they also provide an approved service. For purposes of this service, DHS defines food as three meals per day or any other full nutritional regimen.</p> <p><b>Approved services</b></p> <p>Reimbursement for caregiver living expenses is available if the live-in, unrelated caregiver provides one of the following waiver services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Consumer directed community supports (CDCS)</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Extended home care nursing (HCN)</a> (Community Alternative Care [CAC] only).</li> <li>• <a href="#">Extended personal care assistance (PCA)</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Individualized home supports with training</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Individualized home supports without training</a>.</li> </ul>	
Non-covered services	<p><b>Not covered within the service</b></p> <p>Reimbursement for caregiver living expenses is not allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For people related by blood, marriage or adoption, or for other legally responsible individuals.</li> <li>• In a residence owned or leased by a Medical Assistance-enrolled service provider.</li> <li>• When the live-in, unrelated caregiver owns the home.</li> </ul> <p><b>Services that cannot be authorized with caregiver living expenses</b></p> <p>A person cannot receive reimbursement for caregiver living expenses when they receive the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community residential services.</li> <li>• Crisis respite – daily, out of home.</li> <li>• Customized living (including 24-hour customized living).</li> <li>• Family residential services.</li> <li>• Integrated community supports.</li> </ul>	

<b>Secondary information</b>	Services under all waiver/AC programs must meet the requirements listed in the services section of <a href="#">CBSM – Waiver/AC programs overview</a> .
<b>Provider standards and qualifications</b>	The live-in, unrelated caregiver must meet the provider standards and qualifications for the approved waiver service they provide (refer to the <a href="#">covered services section</a> ).
<b>Lead agency responsibilities and approval of expenses</b>	<p>The lead agency must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) enrollment status of the caregiver if the service requires enrollment.</li> <li>• Ensure the expenses of the live-in, unrelated caregiver are reasonable.</li> <li>• Identify and document in the support plan the role and expectations of the live-in, unrelated caregiver outside of the approved waiver service(s) they provide (e.g., roommate agreement).</li> <li>• Use <a href="#">Caregiver Living Expenses Worksheet, DHS-4929 (PDF)</a> to calculate coverage of caregiver-claimed expenses.</li> </ul>
<b>Authorization, rates and billing</b>	The lead agency authorizes caregiver living expenses at the market rate, based on <a href="#">Caregiver Living Expenses Worksheet, DHS-4929 (PDF)</a> . For more information, refer to <a href="#">CBSM – Market rate services</a> and <a href="#">Long-Term Services and Supports Service Rate Limits, DHS-3945 (PDF)</a> .
<b>Additional resources</b>	<a href="#">Caregiver Living Expenses Worksheet, DHS-4929 (PDF)</a> <a href="#">CBSM – CDCS</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Extended HCN</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Extended PCA</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Individualized home supports</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Market rate services</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Requirements for a person’s own home</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Resource: Overnight support for people in their own home</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Waiver, AC and ECS processes and procedures</a> <a href="#">CBSM – Waiver/AC programs overview</a> <a href="#">Long-Term Services and Supports Service Rate Limits, DHS-3945 (PDF)</a>