

Allowable and unallowable goods and services under CDCS

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Legal authority	Federally approved BI, CAC, CADI, DD and EW waiver plans, Alternative Care (AC) program (Minn. Stat. §256B.0913)	
Definitions	<p>Allowable expenditure: A good or service that is covered under CDCS and can be purchased using waiver funds</p> <p>Unallowable expenditure: A good or service that is not covered under CDCS and cannot be purchased using waiver funds</p>	
Waiver criteria for allowable and unallowable expenditures	<p>Allowable expenditure Since covered CDCS goods and services are paid for with waiver funds, they must meet waiver criteria for allowable expenditures. A good or service is an allowable waiver expenditure if it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the direct benefit of the person • Included in the person’s CDCS community support plan (CSP) • Necessary to meet one of the person’s assessed needs • Related to the person’s disability and/or condition (BI, CAC, CADI and DD only). <p>Waiver funds cover only those goods and services in the person’s CSP that collectively represent a feasible alternative to institutional care.</p> <p>Unallowable expenditure A good or service is an unallowable waiver expenditure if it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicates other goods or services in the CDCS CSP • Is available through other funding sources. • Is not the least costly and most effective way to meet the person’s needs • Is provided prior to the CDCS CSP’s development • Supplants natural supports that appropriately meet the person’s needs 	
Allowable	<p>Allowable CDCS expenditures may include traditional goods and services available through the state plan, AC and waiver programs, as well as alternatives designed by the person.</p> <p>Service categories Allowable CDCS expenditures fall into one of the four service categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental modifications and provisions • Personal assistance • Self-direction support activities • Treatment and training. <p>For more information, refer to CDCS – Service categories.</p> <p>Home care and waiver/AC goods and services For more information about home care and traditional waiver/AC goods and services under the CDCS service option, refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing traditional waiver/AC goods and services • Purchasing home care services. <p>Additional goods and services In addition to traditional state plan and waiver/AC services and goods, the following are also allowable CDCS expenditures as long as they meet the allowable waiver expenditure criteria and fit into one of the service categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goods and services that augment state plan services, or provide 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alternatives to waiver or state plan services • Therapies, special diets, thickening agents, and behavioral supports that mitigate the person's disability and are not available through the state plan (note: a physician enrolled as an MHCP provider must prescribe these) • Expenses related to the CSP's development and implementation • Financial management services (FMS) provider's costs related to managing the person's budget • Maintenance of vehicle modifications (e.g., fixing the person's wheelchair lift) • Internet access.
<p>Unallowable</p>	<p>Unallowable CDCS expenditures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and goods covered by the state plan, Medicare, or other liable third parties (including education and vocational services) • Travel, lodging, or meal expenses related to training for the person, their representative, or paid or unpaid caregivers • Services and goods provided to or directly benefiting individuals other than the person who uses CDCS • Services and goods that are diversionary or recreational • Services and goods for comfort or convenience • Items or support normally provided by the person, or their parents, family or spouse (e.g. a parent helping their two-year-old child with toileting). <p>Examples</p> <p>Examples of unallowable CDCS expenditures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All prescription and over-the-counter medications, compounds (as defined in Minn. R. 6800.3100), solutions and related costs (including premiums and co-payments) • Animals, including service animals, and related costs • Attorney costs or costs related to advocate agencies • Experimental treatments • Fees incurred by the person (e.g., MHCP fees and co-pays) • General vehicle maintenance • Gym membership dues or costs (exception: those related to fitness or physical exercise for adults as specified in the person's CSP) • Home modification of a residence other than the primary residence of the person (this includes the parent(s) of a minor's primary residence when the minor does not live there) • Home modification that adds square footage (exception: the lead agency can request DHS approval to increase a home's square footage when the increase is necessary to build or modify a wheelchair accessible bathroom. For more information, refer to CBSM – Additional square footage.) • Insurance (exception: employee insurance coverage for direct support workers) • Room and board • Personal items • Tickets to attend a sporting event and related costs • Vacation expenses beyond direct service costs.

Additional resources	CDCS Alternative Treatment Form for MHCP-Enrolled Physicians, DHS-5 (PDF) CDCS Community Support Plan (CSP), DHS-6532 (PDF)
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