

B.1: Community support worker services

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Purpose

This policy describes eligibility conditions for clients to access community support worker services to support living independently. Community support worker services focus on the client's instrumental activities of daily living, which refers to activities that support daily life and are oriented towards interacting with one's environment.

Policy

1. Disability Services (DS) is committed to supporting a client to live as independently as possible in their chosen community.
2. Clients who live independently or with a spouse in the community are eligible for community support worker (CSW) services. Clients placed in staffed homes or contracted care homes are not eligible for this service.
3. Eligible clients may receive up to 10 hours of CSW support per week.
4. DS allots available CSW hours based on the client's identified need and service availability, and hours may change depending on the client's unique situation.

Definitions


Client: An individual with a disability who receives services from Disability Services.

Contracted care home: One of the models in DS' supported living continuum where clients live in the home of a paid caregiver.

Instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs): A complex set of skills that allow a person to safely live independently and interact with their environment, including the ability to communicate, shop, prepare meals, manage the household, use transportation, take medication, and manage finances.

Authorities

- [Health Act](#) (Yukon)
- [Financial Administration Act](#) (Yukon)

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