

C.3: Homemaking services funding

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Purpose

This policy describes the circumstances under which a client or caregiver may be eligible for funding for homemaking services. Disability Services provide homemaking supports to assist clients and caregiver to maintain a basic level of cleanliness in their homes in situations where the client's care needs or disability make these difficult to achieve. Disability Services intends homemaking supports to meet a significant and specific disability-related need, rather than being a general support available to all clients and caregivers.

Policy

1. Homemaking services are intended to help the client or caregiver maintain basic cleanliness standards within the client's home when:
 - has significant developmental delays and/or behavioural needs that require ongoing supervision and support, which place an extraordinary demand on their caregiver's time;
 - has significant care demands which may include full dependence on others for personal care and/or mobility;
 - is an adult living independently and is experiencing significant risk to the stability of their housing or medical health due to cleanliness concerns that other support and intervention strategies have not mitigated.
2. Eligibility for this service is not influenced by such factors as size or location of the home, individual cleanliness preferences, typical "messiness" attributable to children, pets, in-home business, or number of individuals in the home.
3. Disability Services does not pay the client's full-time caregivers as service providers under this policy.

Definitions

Caregiver: A person or persons who are the primary unpaid caregivers of the client and who reside in the same home as the client. They may or may not have legal guardianship over the client.

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

Extraordinary cleaning task: Cleaning tasks related to the client's disability that are above and beyond typical tasks associated with caring for a child or client. They may include cleaning fecal smearing, additional laundry due to incontinence, sterilizing medical equipment, extra cleaning due to a wheelchair tracking dirt/mud, and other related tasks.


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Medically at-risk: Clients with medical conditions who require complex care and result in a more severe risk of negative consequences from developing an illness or infection.

Authorities

- Health Act (Yukon)
- Financial Administration Act (Yukon)

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