

Clarification of Billing Process of Respite Services in Non-Residential Setting ODP Announcement 19-147

AUDIENCE:

Administrative Entity (AE) Directors and Administrators, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), Providers of Intellectual Disability/Autism (ID/A) services in the Consolidated, Community Living or Person/Family Directed Support Waivers. Note: This service is not currently available under the Adult Autism Waiver.

PURPOSE:

This communication is to clarify the billing process of respite services in a non-residential setting.

DISCUSSION:

Respite services are direct services that are provided to supervise and support participants living in private homes on a short-term basis for planned or emergency situations, giving the person(s) normally providing care a period of relief that may be scheduled or due to an emergency.

Respite services could be provided as a service at a residential site or in the community under a site enrolled as a Provider Type 51 specialty 513.

Services can be provided under this specialty combination in settings such as:

- A residential site such as a private licensed home in Pennsylvania under the 6400, 6500, 3800, 5310 licensure requirements;
- An unlicensed residential Life Sharing home in Pennsylvania;
- A participant's private home or an unlicensed private home located in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC or a state contiguous to Pennsylvania;
- Other private homes, hotels or rentals during temporary travel in accordance to ODP's travel policy;
- Camp settings that meet applicable state or local codes, or
- Community settings that maintain the participant's schedule of activities.

Please review the ISP Manual for the appropriate billing codes and service restrictions under this service code combination.

A new billing option has been created for respite services provided in respite-only homes under the 52 / 513 combination:

- The site would be a respite only home.
- The site would be licensed under the 55 Pa Code Chapter 6400 and the Approved Program Capacity approved prior to enrollment.
- This would not be the same as a residential home licensed under the 55 Pa Code Chapter 6400 providing residential services being billed as a site enrolled under the Provider Type 52 specialty 521. You would not enroll the specialty 513 in combination with a specialty 521 at a PT 52 site.
- The site could also be providing Exceptional Day Respite at a licensed intermediate care facility for individuals with ID (55 Pa Code Chapter 6600) that are owned and operated by private agencies or a Licensed Nursing Home (28 Pa Code Chapters 201, 203, 205, 207, 209 and 211).

The procedure codes, modifiers, and service units for 24-Hour Respite – Respite Only Homes: These codes would be used for a home that is licensed under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400 that solely provides respite services in the home.

Provider Type 52 - Community Residential Habilitation Specialty 513 - Respite Care-Out of Home

Age Limits & Funding: Consolidated & P/FDS Waivers: 0 - 120 years old Allowable Place of Service: 12-Home; 99-Other (Community)

Procedure Code	Allowable Modifiers	Needs Group	Service Description
W9865	U5	1	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 2 persons. Respite Only Home- 2 People-Lic-Day-NG 1
W9866	U5	1	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 3 persons. Respite Only Home-3 People-Lic-Day-NG 1
W9871	U5	1	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 4 persons. Respite only Home- 4 People-Lic-Day-NG 1
W9865	U6	2	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 2 persons. Respite Only Home- 2 People-Lic-Day-NG 2
W9866	U6	2	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 3 persons. Respite Only Home- 3 People-Lic-Day-NG 2
W9871	U6	2	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 4 persons. Respite Only Home- 4 People-Lic-Day-NG 2

W9865	U7	3	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 2 persons. Respite Only Home- 2 People-Lic-Day-NG 3
W9866	U7	3	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 3 persons. Respite Only Home- 3 People-Lic-Day-NG 3
W9871	U7	3	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 4 persons. Respite Only Home- 4 People-Lic-Day-NG 3
W9865	U8	4	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 2 persons. Respite Only Home- 2 People-Lic-Day-NG 4
W9866	U8	4	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 3 persons. Respite Only Home- 3 People-Lic-Day-NG 4
W9871	U8	4	The provision of day respite in a respite only home with an approved program capacity of 4 persons. Respite Only Home- 4 People-Lic-Day-NG 4
	U1		Enhanced Communication Service - This modifier can be utilized with all of the Waiver Procedure Codes and modifiers in this table for the direct provision of this service. It signifies that the individual has been assessed as needing this service by staff proficient in Sign Language. ODP must approve the modifier prior to a contract being created in HCSIS for the service with the U1 modifier.

Modifiers U5, U6, U7 and U8 are Support Intensity Scale (SIS) Needs Group Modifiers.

For Respite services in a Licensed Community Home (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400) located in Pennsylvania within the home's approved capacity of 5 to 8, a Variance Form (DP-1086) must be completed. Consult Bulletin 00-18-06 or its successor for instructions.

The procedure codes, modifiers, and service units for Exceptional Day Respite:

These codes would be used for day respite provided in the following enrolled and qualified settings. A variance for Respite services in the following settings may be requested for approval from the regional office when the participant has a Needs Group 3 or 4 that indicates medical or behavioral needs and the participant is unable to locate a respite provider to render services in a community setting:

Licensed intermediate care facilities for individuals with an intellectual disability (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6600) that are owned and operated by private agencies.

Licensed Nursing Homes (28 Pa. Code Chapters 201, 203, 205, 207, 209 and 211).

Licensed Community Homes (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400) located in Pennsylvania within the home's approved program capacity of 5 to 8.

For Respite services in a private ICF/ID, a licensed nursing home or a licensed community home within the home's approved capacity of 5 to 8, a Variance Form (DP-1086) must be completed. Consult Bulletin 00-18-06 or its successor for instructions. For respite in a nursing home, the ODP Regional Office that receives the variance request should contact the Bureau of Community Services for additional guidance.

These codes should also be used for day respite provided in a private licensed facility or a nonwaiver licensed facility in an approved emergency circumstance.

Provider Type 52 - Community Residential Habilitation
Specialty 456 – CRR-Adult: 520 – Child Residential Services-3800; 521 – Adult Residential- 6400

Age Limits & Funding: Consolidated & P/FDS Waivers: 0 - 120 years old Allowable Place of Service: 12-Home; 99-Other (Community)

Procedure Code	Allowable Modifiers	Needs Group	Service Description
H0045	U5	1	The provision of exceptional day respite. Respite, Non-Waiver Setting/PLF, NG 1
H0045	U6	2	The provision of exceptional day respite. Respite, Non-Waiver Setting/PLF, NG 2
H0045	U7	3	The provision of exceptional day respite. Respite, Non-Waiver Setting/PLF, NG 3
H0045	U8	4	The provision of exceptional day respite. Respite, Non-Waiver Setting/PLF, NG 4
	U1		Enhanced Communication Service - This modifier can be utilized with all of the Waiver Procedure Codes and modifiers in this table for the direct provision of this service. It signifies that the individual has been assessed as needing this service by staff proficient in Sign Language. ODP must approve the modifier prior to a contract being created in HCSIS for the service with the U1 modifier.
	HE		This modifier must be used as it denotes ODP specific code

NOTE: This communication does not apply to services in the Adult Autism Waiver or any services offered by the Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations (BSASP).

Any further questions regarding enrolling sites for these services should be directed to ra-odpproviderenroll@pa.gov.