



RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION

Residential Habilitation (ResHab) services are individually tailored supports that assist with the acquisition of, retention of, or improvement in skills related to living in the community. ResHab is a service provided in a licensed/certified home setting and the surrounding community. Every residential setting where ResHab services are delivered must provide a home-like environment.

Q: We do not have a lot of providers on Maui who are willing to provide ResHab service outside the DD Domiciliary homes (DD DOM), what does ResHab services entail? In addition, a lot of the DD DOM homes are asking for excessive CLS-Ind when ResHab services could cover some of the services that they are billing under CLS-Ind.

ResHab services are generally meant to support a participant’s needs that are considered “above and beyond” what is expected from the general care and supervision of the licensed/certified home. Language from the Standards is copied below in italics (p. 198 in the current Standards effective 07/01/21). Participant needs and preferences should be determined by the person-centered planning process and information from assessments such as the SIS and/or ICAP. So, for example, if the participant and circle feel more community-based activities could be provided by the ResHab caregiver, that should be discussed with the circle and identified as a ResHab outcome(s), if applicable.

Language from the 2021 Standards (p. 198):
ResHab shall be used to cover participants’ physical care and training above and beyond the general care and supervision under the State Supplemental Payment/Level of Care (SSP/LOC) for certified residential settings, i.e., Adult Foster Home (AFH), and licensed residential settings, i.e., Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary Home (DD Dom), Adult Residential Care

Home (ARCH), Extended Adult Residential Care Home (E-ARCH), and Therapeutic Living Programs (TLP) licensed as Special Treatment Facilities (STF).

Q: If the licensed/certified homes are not considered as employees, what is the role of the provider/agency? So what action does the department do to those licensed homes that are now employed instead of independent contractors starting July 1?

A distinction is only made in the relationship between the person delivering the Residential Habilitation (ResHab) service and the provider agency; not in the type of residential home setting or requirements of the service. Residential home settings and caregivers are licensed or certified by the State.

The decision for a licensed/certified caregiver to work as an employee or an independent contractor is made on an individualized basis between the caregiver and the provider agency. The roles and responsibilities of each party are also determined on an individualized basis and agreement between the specific parties involved. The expectations of the service and the requirements to deliver the service do not change.

Q: Is ResHab to be provided only now to participants who have nursing task needs?

No, ResHab is not limited to participants with nursing task needs. The service is available to waiver participants who live in a licensed or certified home.



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