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# Children's Habilitation Residential Program and Children's Extensive Support Waiver Comparison Chart for Parents or Caregivers

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## Purpose

The chart below explains services authorized in the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) and the Children's Extensive Support (CES) waivers. The chart provides a side-by-side comparison of the services offered through each waiver.

## Background

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) provided through waivers are in addition to a member's Health First Colorado benefits and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services. The CHRP and CES waivers are two of four children's services waivers offered in Colorado. HCBS waivers provide extra benefits to help your child remain in your home and community. Each waiver program offers different benefits to specific populations that meet special eligibility criteria. In order to qualify for the waiver, your child must meet waiver criteria and the appropriate level of care, as determined by the State prescribed assessment tools. Please see the [Children's HCBS Waiver Chart](#) on the [Long-Term Services and Supports Training page](#) for an explanation of all children's waivers.

## Children's Extensive Supports (CES) Waiver

CES is for children and youth from birth to age 17 with a developmental delay or an intellectual / developmental disability. CES provides services and supports to eligible children and youth who demonstrate a medical or behavioral condition that is intense and requires almost constant line-of-sight supervision to keep the child and others safe. Your child must demonstrate a behavioral or medical condition that requires direct human intervention more intense than a verbal reminder at least once every two hours during the day and on a weekly average of once every three hours during the night. Children and youth must be living in their family home in order to receive services through CES. CES services are based on the child's or family's needs and must remain within a spending limit for the waiver.

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## Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) Waiver

CHRP is targeted to children and youth from birth to age 20 with a developmental delay or an intellectual / developmental disability. CHRP provides services and supports to eligible children, youth and their families who can live safely in their homes and communities. CHRP helps children and youth with intensive behavioral or medical support needs that put them at risk, or potential need, for out-of-home placement or institutional care.

HCBS Waiver Services (Alphabetical Order)	CES	CHRP
<p><b>Adaptive Therapeutic Recreational Equipment and Fees</b></p> <p>Services that assist your child to recreate within the community. Recreational equipment is adapted specifically to the child’s disability. It does not include items a typical-age child would commonly need as a recreation item.</p> <p>Recreational equipment examples include adaptive bicycles, adaptive strollers, adaptive toys, floatation collars for swimming, and balls with internal auditory devices. Services include admission fees for recreation centers only when the pass is needed to access professional services or to achieve or maintain a specific therapy goal as recommended and supervised by a doctor or therapist. Water safety trainings that are distinct from swimming lessons may be covered.</p> <p>Max of \$1,000 dollars combined (fees + equipment) limit.</p>	YES	NO
<p><b>Assistive Technology</b></p> <p>Services, supports or devices that help your child increase, maintain or improve their ability to perform daily tasks. Assistive technology recommendations are based on an assessment by a qualified provider. When costs exceed \$2,500 per device, a total of three estimates should be obtained and provided to the case manager.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Evaluations; choosing, buying and instruction on using a device; designing, fitting, adapting, maintaining and repairing a device; training and technical assistance.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Service animals; subscription services; computers; in-home installed video monitoring equipment; medication reminders; hearing aids; entertainment devices; training or adaption directly related to school or home educational curriculum; or items considered typical toys.</p> <p>Max of \$10,000 for Assistive Technology, Home Accessibility Adaptation, and Vehicle Modifications per 5-year waiver renewal period (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024). This amount may be exceeded with prior approval.</p>	YES	NO



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<p><b>Community Connector Services</b></p> <p>Helps your child participate in typical childhood activities that build relationship and natural supports with others in the community. Community connector services are provided to a child in a variety of settings in the community with individuals without disabilities.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> The costs or fees of admission to entertainment (professional/minor league sporting events, movies, theater, concert tickets), and food or drink.</p> <p><i>CHRP Community Connector</i> services are limited to five hours per week. A request to increase service hours can be made to the Department on a case-by-case basis.</p>	YES	YES
<p><b>Habilitation</b></p> <p>A 24-hour service intended to assist your child in acquiring, retaining and improving the self-help, socialization and adaptive skills necessary to live successfully in home and community settings. Habilitation encompasses the following services to the child as a part of Residential Habilitation services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive services</li> <li>• Communication services</li> <li>• Emergency Assistance Training</li> <li>• Independent Living Training</li> <li>• Personal Care &amp; Homemaker Services</li> <li>• Self-Advocacy Training</li> <li>• Supervision Services</li> <li>• Travel Services</li> </ul> <p><b>Includes:</b> Foster care homes licensed by a child placement agency or county department of Human Services and specialized group homes or residential child care facilities licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services.</p>	NO	YES
<p><b>Hippotherapy</b></p> <p>Uses the movement of the horse to assist your child in their development of skills, such as gross motor, sensory integration, attention, cognitive, social, behavioral and communication skills. Hippotherapy must be provided by a licensed or accredited professional and the intervention needs to be related to a medical or behavioral need.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Individual or group services.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Equine therapy, therapeutic riding and experimental treatments/therapies.</p>	YES	YES



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<p><b>Home Accessible Adaptations</b></p> <p>Specific modifications, adaptations, changes or improvements in the primary residence of your child that are necessary to ensure their health, welfare and safety. The adaptations must assist your child to function with greater independence in the home, or to prevent institutionalization. All modifications must be the most cost-effective means to meet the identified need.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Installing or building ramps, grab-bars or other Durable Medical Equipment, widening doorways, modifying bathrooms or kitchens, and installing specialized electric and plumbing systems to accommodate medically necessary equipment and supplies.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Adaptations or improvements to the home that are not related to the client’s disability; carpeting; roof repair; central air conditioning; air duct cleaning; whole house humidifiers; whole house air purifiers; installation and repair of driveways and sidewalks; ongoing home security monitoring fees; home furnishings; adaptations to rental units when the adaptation is not portable and cannot move with the client; and luxury upgrades.</p> <p>Max of \$10,000 for Assistive Technology, Home Accessibility Adaptation, and Vehicle Modifications per 5-year waiver renewal period (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024). This amount may be exceeded with prior approval.</p>	YES	NO
<p><b>Basic or Enhanced Homemaker Services</b></p> <p>General household activities provided in your home to help maintain a healthy and safe environment for your child. Services must increase your ability to give the child needed care. Services may be hands-on help, performing a task for the child or prompting the child to perform a task.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Light housecleaning, meal preparation, dishwashing, bed making, laundry, grocery shopping and teaching these skills.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Personal care services, services that can be performed by the child independently and services provided by family members. Lawn care, snow removal, air duct cleaning and animal care are excluded.</p> <p>Limitation: Enhanced homemaker services requires a habilitative plan or requires extraordinary cleaning due to individual behavioral or medical needs.</p>	YES	NO



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<p><b>Intensive Support Services</b></p> <p>This service aligns strategies, interventions and supports for your child and family to prevent the need for out-of-home placement. There are three distinct elements of this service: Wraparound Plan, Wraparound Monitoring and In-Home Support (to be renamed Child &amp; Youth Mentorship effective 11/01/2020).</p> <p><i>Wraparound planning</i> should address steps to implement support strategies, prevent and/or manage a future crisis. The wraparound plan should incorporate all relevant strategies and other treatment plans into one comprehensive stabilization plan.</p> <p><i>Wraparound monitoring and follow-up services</i> include ongoing evaluations to ensure that triggers of crisis have been addressed to maintain stabilization and prevent a future crisis.</p> <p><i>Child &amp; Youth Mentorship</i> should include implementation of therapeutic and/or behavioral support plans, building life skills, providing guidance to your child with self-care, learning self-advocacy and protective oversight.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Identification of the strengths, abilities, preferences, desires, needs, expectations, and goals of your child / youth and family; maintaining stabilization; preventing crisis situations; de-escalation of a crisis and follow-up services. All components of Intensive Support Services can be utilized together or as stand-only services.</p>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<p><b>Massage Therapy</b></p> <p>The systematic manipulation of the soft tissues of the body for the purpose of bringing about beneficial physiologic, mechanical and/or psychological changes. Massage is used to ease muscle contractures or spasms, increase extension and muscle relaxation, and decrease muscle tension. It includes Watsu.</p> <p><b>Limitations:</b> Massage is based on your child’s assessed need for services, physician's orders and prior authorization.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Acupuncture and chiropractic care.</p>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
<p><b>Movement Therapy</b></p> <p>Includes music and dance therapy for the habilitation, rehabilitation and maintenance of skills, such as behavioral, developmental, physical, social, communication or gross motor skills. It also helps with pain management and cognition. Therapy must be provided by a licensed or accredited professional and the intervention needs to be related to a medical or behavioral need.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Fitness training or a personal trainer, warm water therapy, experimental treatments or therapies and yoga.</p>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>



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<p><b>Parent Education</b></p> <p>Services that teach you, as a caregiver, about your child’s disabilities. You, as a caregiver, can learn how to support your child’s strengths within the context of their disability.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Consulting; training on a child’s needs, such as sign language; special resource materials; registration costs to attend conferences; educational workshops; and membership costs for parent support, information organizations and publications for parents of children with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Transportation, lodging, food and membership to any political organizations or any organization involved in lobbying activities.</p>	YES	NO
<p><b>Respite Care</b></p> <p>Respite care services are for you, as a primary caregiver, on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief and rest. Respite Care may be provided in the community or in the home.</p> <p><i>CES Respite</i> includes individual units (1:1), day (1:1), group and camp. The maximum amount of respite services is 30 days and 1880 units.</p> <p><i>CHRP Respite</i> includes individual (1:1) units and day (1:1) both in the family home or residential settings. Respite care can only be approved up to twenty-eight (28) days in a calendar year and not more than seven (7) consecutive days per month. Respite is not to be used when accessing Habilitation services.</p>	YES	YES
<p><b>Specialized Medical Equipment/Supplies</b></p> <p>The devices, controls or appliances that are required due to your child’s disability. Equipment and supplies support your child’s ability to perform activities of daily living or to safely remain in the home and community.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Kitchen equipment required for the preparation of special diets if this results in a cost savings over prepared foods; Specially designed clothing if the cost is over and above the costs generally incurred for regular clothing; Maintenance and upkeep of specialized medical equipment purchased through the waivers.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit, vitamins, food supplements, any food items, prescription or over the counter medications, topical ointments, exercise equipment, hot tubs, water walkers, resistance water therapy pools, experimental items and wipes for any non-incontinence purposes.</p>	YES	NO



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<p><b>Transition Support Services</b></p> <p>This service aligns strategies and supports for your child and family when a child transitions to the family home from out-of-home placement or to lower levels of care while in out-of-home placement. There are three distinct elements of this service: Wraparound Plan, Wraparound Monitoring and In-Home Support (being renamed Child &amp; Youth Mentorship).</p> <p><i>Wraparound planning</i> should address steps to implement support strategies, prevent and/or manage a future crisis. The wraparound plan should incorporate all relevant strategies and other treatment plans into one comprehensive stabilization plan.</p> <p><i>Wraparound monitoring and follow-up services</i> include ongoing evaluations to ensure that triggers of crisis have been addressed to maintain stabilization and prevent a future crisis.</p> <p><i>Child &amp; Youth Mentorship Services</i> should include implementation of therapeutic and/or behavioral support plans, building life skills, providing guidance to your child with self-care, learning self-advocacy and protective oversight.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Identification of the strengths, abilities, preferences, desires, needs, expectations and goals of your child and family; maintaining stabilization; preventing crisis situations; de-escalation of a crisis and follow-up services. All components of Intensive Support Services can be utilized together or as stand-only services.</p>	NO	YES
<p><b>Vehicle Modifications</b></p> <p>Adaptations or changes to a car, truck or van that is your child’s primary vehicle to accommodate their special needs. These changes must be needed to enable the child to integrate more fully into the community, and to ensure health and safety. All modifications must be the most cost-effective means of meeting the need.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Changes to the vehicle, and upkeep and maintenance of the changes made to the vehicle.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Regular vehicle upkeep and maintenance, vehicle purchase or lease, or modifications that are not a direct benefit to the member.</p> <p>Max of \$10,000 for Assistive Technology, Home Accessibility Adaptation and Vehicle Modifications per 5-year waiver renewal period (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024). This amount may be exceeded with prior approval.</p>	YES	NO



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<p><b>Youth Day</b>                      Provides care and supervision to your child, ages 12- to 17-years-old, while the primary caregiver works (paid or unpaid), volunteers or seeks employment.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Individual (1:1) or Group services. May be provided in your home or the home of the service provider or in the community.</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Camp; and is limited to 10 hours a day.</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>

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