

## **VIII.7.0 State Funded Supported Living Services Program**

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#### **Policy**

Mountain Valley Developmental Services (MVDS) will administer and operate a State Funded Supported Living Services (State SLS) program to provide case management; and to authorize and provide direct services either through the use of PASAs or MVDS staff. As services and supports are limited by the availability of resources, eligibility for State SLS does not guarantee their availability. State SLS is a program option for participants who do not meet eligibility criteria for Medicaid; or for those who do meet Medicaid eligibility, but require services/supports that Medicaid is not authorized to fund.

#### **Administration**

1. Eligible participants will be 18 years or older, be a resident of the State of Colorado, and be determined to have an intellectual or developmental disability.
2. State SLS services and supports may be utilized in combination with other community resources and/or Medicaid services and supports as long as they are not duplicative, and all other available and accessible resources have been utilized first.
3. The amount of funding available for each person enrolled into State SLS may change from year-to-year, as determined by annual appropriations from the Colorado General Assembly, the number of enrollees, and the utilization of services and supports.
4. MVDS will fully participate in Performance and Quality Reviews of the State SLS program as determined by the Department of Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF).
5. Records of participants will be kept for a minimum of six years unless otherwise directed to keep longer. MVDS Case Managers and PASA staff will create and maintain participant records in the Therap system and on the company server. MVDS Human Resource staff and Finance staff will maintain records (related to services authorized, coordinated, provided, purchased and billed; employment records; etc.) within the appropriate platforms currently utilized to manage such documentation.

#### **Services and Supports**

1. State SLS participants who are waiting for HCBS Waiver enrollment can access the same services as are identified in the HCBS-SLS Waiver and are subject to the same limitations as the HCBS-SLS Waiver. State SLS funds are available for participants enrolled in an HCBS waiver other than the HCBD-DD or HCBS-SLS waivers, when the comparable service is not available in the enrolled waiver, and the funds are not used for Home Accessible Adaptation or Vehicle Modification.
2. Within the service limits determined by HCPF, State SLS funding may be used to provide temporary supports and services to participants experiencing hardships when the assistance can alleviate the need for higher levels of care. Documentation in the Individualized Support Plan (ISP) must be maintained that indicates all alternative programs, and community and natural supports were exhausted or not available. Additional information regarding why State SLS

funds were utilized over other potentially available resources is to be included in the ISP. Examples of temporary hardships are: Payment of utility bills (gas/electric/water/sewer); acquiring emergency food; and pest abatement.

3. If pest abatement is utilized, the following additional documentation must be maintained: that infestation abatement is not covered under the participant's residential agreement or lease (Case Manager records); that the pest abatement professional is licensed in the State of Colorado (CCB records); that the residence is not owned/controlled by a PASA (Case Manager records); and proof of payment (CCB records).
4. Within the service limits determined by HCPF, State SLS funding can be used for participants who are enrolled in an HCBS waiver to provide one-time payment/acquisition of needed household items. These items include but are not limited to one-time initial set up for pantry items and/or kitchen supplies and/or furniture. Participants residing in Group homes or host homes are not eligible for support acquiring household items, as these items are the responsibility of the group home or host home.
5. State SLS funds may also be used for housing application fees when a participant is increasing their independence by moving into their own home.
6. MVDS will keep receipts or paid invoices of authorized purchases for household items and application fees. Such receipts/paid invoices must be from licensed businesses.