

POS Policy

Due to the changes in WIC Section 4648.5, which restored authority to fund camping and associated travel expenses, as well as nonmedical therapies, including but not limited to, specialist recreation, art, dance, and music.

Camp and Associated Travel Expenses:

The regional center may purchase camp activities and associated travel expenses to support the Individual Program Plan (IPP). An IPP can be requested by contacting your Service Coordinator. Camp may be provided in an outdoor or natural setting, with an emphasis on social skill building. If a portion of the camp is provided in an indoor setting, the setting must be integrated (example: community recreation center, YMCA, etc.). Camp is allowable as a form of out of home respite.

Camp will be classified as either residential (client stays the night) or day camp (client goes home every day). Regional Center will purchase camp as identified in the IPP.

Travel expenses associated with a family member getting the client to and from the camp site will be allowable through a Financial Management Service.

Nonmedical Therapies:

The regional center may purchase specialized recreational therapies and training for clients and their families to support the Individual Program Plan (IPP). An IPP can be requested by contacting your Service Coordinator. Programs must be designed to increase and improve a client's interpersonal and social skill level. A vendor must be credentialed or licensed as required to practice in the field of therapy offered, if applicable. Vendors should provide the service in an integrated community setting, as much as possible. Examples of nonmedical therapies can include but are not limited to art, dance, music, equestrian and other programs and therapies that allow for interpersonal and social skill building.

Social Recreation

Socialization Training Program is intended to provide socialization and recreational opportunities to consumers served by Inland Regional Center with appropriate structured socialization and recreational activities based on the consumers' needs, interests and goals identified in the IPP.

Socialization programs will provide in-the-moment coaching and facilitation to promote inclusion and skill development. Activities should enhance and develop meaningful interpersonal relationships and integration opportunities by accessing public recreation and leisure facilities. Socialization Training will not supplant services available from the local school district.

For individuals who have reached their established social recreation goals, a maintenance service can be provided. The service is intended to reinforce the social skills previously achieved.

A monthly stipend can be requested to assist the families in purchasing integrated social activities. The monthly stipend is based on the average monthly cost of local activities and is not intended to supplant the consumer's natural supports but allows for all consumers to have the ability to have robust social opportunities.

Exceptions made to all purchases of service must be identified by the Interdisciplinary Team and documented in the client's Individual Program Plan. If there is any disagreement about services that cannot be resolved by the planning team, written notice of fair hearing rights will be provided. (*WIC* §§ 4646(i) and 4710.5(a)).

Educational Services

Educational Services for children three to 17 may be funded when the need has been identified in the IPP and the following conditions have been met:

1. The service is not available through the educational system and/or school district.
2. All generic resources have been exhausted.
3. The service is not a typical parent responsibility for minor children.
4. The consumer's need for extraordinary care, services, supports and supervision, and the need for timely access to this care has been considered.

Educational Advocacy may be accessed once the Consumer Services Coordinator (CSC) has attempted to resolve any grievances and/or disputes with the consumer's School District via the IEP process. The purpose of this service is to provide the consumer with the enhanced advocacy with mediation and appeals.