

## Service Addendum: **Daily Living Skills Training**

The provision of contracted, authorized, and provided services shall be in compliance with the provisions of this agreement, the service description and requirements of this section, and if applicable, state certification and licensing criteria.

### **Specifics**

Providers are subject to the same qualifications as providers under the Medicaid State Plan as defined in Wisconsin State Statute 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Waiver services waivers #0367.90 and #0368.90 required under § 46.281 (1) (c).

The services for which Lakeland Care, Inc. (LCI) is contracting with your organization are noted in the Rates and Service Codes Chart attached to the LCI Service Provider Contract.

The major distinction between Daily Living Skills Training (DLST) and Supportive Home Care (SHC) services is DLST teaches the member the skills to perform the activity or task, while SHC performs specific tasks for the member. DLST is a time-limited service which allows for ongoing evaluation of the service's effectiveness, and services may be changed or eliminated upon determination that either desired outcomes, or maximum progress have been achieved.

The provision of services similar to, or within the description of DLST, if provided in a substitute care setting (nursing home, community based residential facility, residential care apartment complex, or adult family home) shall be provided under the license and service authorization of that setting and shall not be billable as DLST under this addenda unless expressly authorized by LCI prior to initiation of service.

### **Timeliness and Access to Service**

Providers shall make all reasonable efforts to initiate service provision at the date and time requested by the LCI IDT on behalf of the member. In the event that initiation of the service at the member's preferred time is not feasible, the provider will express such to the LCI IDT, who will arrange an alternative start date of services, or, if necessary, arrange to meet the member's needs by other means.

### **Definition**

Daily Living Skills Training (DLST) is the provision of education and skill development to teach members the skills involved in performing activities of daily living, including skills intended to increase the member's independence and participation in community life. DLST may include teaching money management, home care maintenance, food preparation, mobility training, self-care skills, and the skills necessary for accessing and using community resources. Daily living Skills Training may involve training the member or the natural support person to assist the member.

For daily living skills training agencies, the provider must have the ability and qualifications to provide this service, demonstrated in at least one of the following ways:

- Accreditation by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.

- Comparable standards for a qualified entity, including a minimum of two years of experience working with the target population in providing this service, day habilitation, supportive home care, personal care, home health care, skilled nursing, supported employment or similar services.

If personal care or housekeeping services are provided along with skills training, the provider shall also meet the Supportive Home Care and In-Home Respite Training and Documentation Standards.

### **Standards, Training, and Competency**

Providers of services shall meet the standards of this agreement, and if applicable, agrees to retain licensing in good standing during contract period.

Provider shall ensure that staff providing care to members is adequately trained and proficient in both the skills they are providing and in the needs of the member(s) receiving the services.

Training of staff providing services shall include:

1. Provider agency recording and reporting requirements for documentation, critical incident reporting, and other information and procedures necessary for the staff to ensure the health and safety of member(s) receiving supports
2. Training on the needs of the target group for the member(s) served under this agreement
3. Training on the provision of the services being provided
4. Training on the needs, strengths, and preferences of the individual(s) being served
5. Training on rights and confidentiality of individual(s) supported
6. Information and provider procedure for adherence to the LCI policies below:
  - a. Incident Management System
  - b. Restraint and Seclusion Policy and Procedure
  - c. Communication Expectations
  - d. Unplanned use of Restrictive Measure
  - e. Confidentiality

Provider shall ensure competency of individual employees performing services to the LCI members. Competency shall include assurance of the general skills and abilities necessary to perform assigned tasks.

### **Staff to Member Ratio**

Services shall be provided at a 1:1 ratio of provider staff to LCI member, unless the description in the Rates and Service Codes Chart of the agreement includes rates and services for ratios different from this level.

### **Staffing Assignment and Turnover**

The provision of successful services is attributable in large part to the strength of the relationship between a member and the staff directly providing the service. Given this contributory factor, provider agrees to make every effort to match and retain direct care staff under this agreement in a manner that optimizes consistency.

In order to establish and preserve this relationship, providers must take specific precautions to establish and monitor these services. Providers must have a process in place for:

1. Members to provide feedback on their experience with the employees performing these tasks and respond when appropriate.
2. Written information indicating who within the organization to contact with concerns, or questions related to the provision of services or direct care staff
3. Provider will forward documentation and/or feedback to the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) staff to allow members to express concerns to individuals other than the individual who performs the task

Changes in staff assignments to specific members and within the organization are at the discretion of the provider. Provider agrees to take member requests into consideration when assigning or reassigning staff to specific members and will notify the LCI IDT staff in their reporting of any changes to staff providing services.

### **Collaboration and Coordination of Care**

Through the use of the Resource Allocation Decision method (RAD), the LCI IDT staff shall assess the member's needs and outcomes to determine the amount of services to be authorized. The LCI IDT staff shall exchange pertinent information with the provider at the time the referral is made to assure all health and safety needs are provided during the services. This information exchange shall include the assessed needs and amount of authorized units as it relates to services.

All aspect of services shall be discussed between the LCI IDT staff, member or legal representative, and provider to ensure proper collaboration.

### **Agency Communication Responsibilities**

Provider shall ensure a mechanism for recording and reporting to the IDT staff and other appropriate agencies incidents including:

- a. Changes in:
  - Condition (medical, behavioral, mental)
  - Medications, treatments, or MD order
  - Falls (with or without injury)
  - Urgent Care, Emergency Room or Hospitalization
  - Death: anticipated or unexpected
  - Any other circumstances warranting the completion of an agency incident or event report
  - Unplanned use of Restrictive Measure
- b. Communication/Coordination regarding:
  - Medical Equipment or Supplies
  - Plan of Care development and reevaluation
  - Transition difficulty, discharge planning
  - Ongoing Care Management

Note: Staff will first follow their own established in-house protocol.

Staff will then inform the IDT of *any member circumstance that would warrant family or physician notification* that includes, but is not limited to the above circumstances.

### **Documentation**

Providers shall comply with documentation as required by this agreement; *and if applicable*, state licensure and certification requirements as expressed by ordinance, state and federal rules and regulations applicable to the services covered by this contract.

Once DLST service is identified as the most cost effective way to meet a member's outcome through the RAD process, the LCI IDT staff, member, and provider will collaborate to complete the following:

1. Identify the DLST services task being addressed
2. Identify a measurable goal that DLST service would address. Assure that the goal identified is tied to the member's outcome.
3. Develop a Task Analysis Sheet specific to the member:
  - a. Listing the steps that will be required for the member to learn the task
  - b. This document serves dual purposes; to record and analyze the data
4. Establish a timeframe to evaluate the effectiveness of the training steps

Each LCI member shall have a developed plan of care specific to their needs which address each area of service need being provided. A copy of this care plan shall be supplied to LCI IDT staff.

Providers shall prepare and send a written report to LCI IDT staff every month. IDT staff may request additional written and/or verbal information to enhance coordination and/or quality of care. The written report shall include the following elements:

- Copy of the completed Task Analysis Sheet which includes:
  - Reasons for any lag or progress
  - Recommendation for next steps

### **Billable Units**

Provider rates for provision of services will incorporate all administrative and business functions related to the provision of service. Contracted rates include the provision of administrative functions necessary for services and are not billable beyond units provided to each authorized member.

Providers should reference the Rates and Service Codes Chart of the agreement for contract units and rates.

Providers should use increments as listed in the Rates and Service Codes Chart to bill LCI up to the authorized number of units for the member. Providers can only bill for services rendered to the member. Provider will refund LCI the total amount of any/all units billed without services rendered to the LCI member.

Providers are required to provide for all identified care needs during the provision of services and are specifically prohibited from billing fraudulently for additional services during the provision of these services.

Family Care services administered by LCI are funded by state and federal tax dollars through the Medical Assistance program. As a publicly-funded system, LCI strives to maintain the integrity of the program by ensuring that all services are billed as authorized by LCI, and as rendered to members. LCI ensures this protection, by regularly conducting random reviews of claims submitted by its contracted providers. LCI reserves the right to request verification documentation from providers. This could include but is not limited to: providers' case notes, files, documentation and records.

### **Additional Considerations:**

1. Services will be provided as identified and authorized by the LCI IDT staff.
2. Providers may not limit or deny any LCI member services due to dissatisfaction with their LCI contracted rate.
3. LCI pre-authorizes all of its services. If provider bills for more units than authorized without prior authorization, these services may be denied.
4. In the case that a LCI member cancels service, the provider must contact the LCI IDT staff. Services cancelled will not necessarily be rescheduled and should not be assumed by the provider.
5. Provider will negotiate contract rates that include mileage and travel time associated with the provision of service.
6. Only units of services directly related to the authorized member may be billed under this service. The following services constitute directly related services and are included in the service Provider's contracted rate:
  - a. Face-to-face contact with member by direct care staff
  - b. Travel to the member for direct contact and travel from the member.
  - c. Transportation of member while providing DLST services. Provider contracted rates include travel during the provision of service(s).
  - d. Exceptions to the billable unit's criteria for DLST services will be considered for provision of service(s) to specific members when:
    - i. Coordination and follow up necessary for the performance of services to a particular member requires extensive coordinating and collaboration or
    - ii. Travel time necessary for the performance of services to a particular member requires extensive travel time (i.e., rural locations). Requests for exceptions to billable unit's criteria shall be requested in writing to the LCI IDT staff assigned to the member. Written requests will be reviewed with the LCI IDT staff and administration for consideration. Providers may not bill for exceptions prior to a written response and prior authorization from the LCI IDT staff.
7. Only one Provider agency is billable for the same service at the same time.
8. Provider administrative time related to business operations of services is not billable to LCI. Provider agency staffing, training, orientation and supervision are not billable units of authorized service(s) for the members. Performance of these and related business functions must be factored into Provider's rates.
9. Unless otherwise agreed upon, DLST services are billed in hourly increments. Provider cannot bill for missed appointments.