

Revision Request Form

Disability Support Program

Revisions: Disability Support Program Policy

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Policy Type: DSP Policy – Basic and Special Needs Policy

Reason: Updating Excess Shelter language to align with Monitor Recommendation #5 in relation to the Remedy

Policy	Current Policy	Revised:
Basic and Special Needs 8.5 Excess Shelter	<p><u>Excess Shelter</u></p> <p>While the Standard Household Rate is intended to cover shelter costs, excess shelter of a flat amount of \$216 may be approved as a Special Need when a more economical option is not available to meet the participant’s needs, and when one or more of the following criteria applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. a participant requires barrier-free access (i.e. housing that has been adapted for individuals with mobility disabilities or visual impairments); orb. the cost of relocating the participant exceeds the total annual rental increase; orc. a participant’s IASP has identified elements related to their shelter that promote independence and result in lowered long-term DSP support costs (e.g. reducing transportation expenses, extra staffing, security of the location, etc.); ord. a participant cannot secure housing in a safe location where they can safely access the community; or in a location which allows them to pursue the goals identified in their support plan;	<p><u>Excess Shelter</u></p> <p>While the Standard Household Rate is intended to cover shelter costs, excess shelter of a flat amount of \$216 will be approved as a Special Need when a more economical option is not available to meet the participant’s needs, and when one or more of the following criteria applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. a participant requires barrier-free access (i.e. housing that has been adapted for individuals with mobility disabilities or visual impairments); orb. the cost of relocating the participant exceeds the total annual rental increase; orc. a participant’s IASP has identified elements related to their shelter that promote independence and result in lowered long-term DSP support costs (e.g. reducing transportation expenses, extra staffing, security of the location, etc.); ord. a participant cannot secure housing in a safe location where they can safely access the community; or in a location which allows them to pursue the goals identified in their support plan;

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Household Size	Amount
1	\$548
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3 or more	\$636

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A request for excess shelter of \$216 requires the approval of the Casework Supervisor. See Basic and Special Needs Rates (Appendix A). Where two or more DSP participants share accommodations, the actual shelter expenses must exceed the combined amount (listed in the table above) for each DSP participant before an excess shelter amount of \$216 can be considered.

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