



**State Of Colorado  
Family Support Services Program  
Direct Services**

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY** – equipment or upgrades to equipment which are necessary to the individual with an IDD or developmental delay to communicate through expressive and receptive communication, move through or manipulate his or her environment, control his or her environment, or remain safe in the family home.

**CONSULTANT/ADVOCATE ASSISTANCE** – services specific to the family to assist the family with accessing services outside of Imagine!

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING** – Home or vehicle modifications needed due to the individual's disability and is not a regular maintenance or modification needed by all owners. Modifications to the home or vehicle must be necessary to the individual's IDD or developmental delay, or needed due to health and safety; or to allow the individual to attain more independence. Home modifications are to be limited to the common areas of the home the individual with an IDD frequents, the individual's bedroom, and one bathroom. Other bedrooms and bathrooms shall not be modified. All devices and adaptations must be provided in accordance with applicable state or local building codes and/or applicable standards of manufacturing, design, and installation. Only homes or vehicles occupied and owned by the family where the eligible individual resides may be modified. Minor modifications may be made to rental units with the permission of the landlord. Rental modifications must be made in a way that the modifications can be removed with the eligible individual during a change in residence.

**MEDICAL, DENTAL** – items prescribed by a licensed medical professional qualified to prescribe such items and are needed to maintain or attain physical health. Medical, dental, and vision services, exams, and procedures are available when not covered by another source. Over the counter medications and vitamins are excluded except when prescribed by a licensed medical professional qualified to write such prescriptions.

**RECREATION** – recreational needs of the individual with an IDD or developmental delay when the need of recreation is above and beyond the typical need due to the disability or delay. **The cost of family recreation passes shall be limited to \$650 or one family pass, whichever is less, per fiscal year and shall be limited to use only at community recreation centers. The following items are specifically excluded and shall not be eligible for coverage:**

- Entrance fees for zoos
- Movie, theater, concerts
- Professional & minor league sporting events
- Museums
- Outdoor play structures
- Batteries for recreational items
- Butterfly Pavillion
- Memberships to non-community gyms

**PARENT/SIBLING SUPPORT** – may include special resource materials or publications, cost of care for siblings, or behavioral services or counseling.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** – services which require licensure or certification to treat a human condition other than medical, dental, or vision and is provided to the individual with an IDD or developmental delay. Professional services must be provided by qualified, certified, and/or licensed personnel in accordance with the standards and practices of the industry. Professional services may include related support items or activities which are recommended as part of the therapy with supporting documentation from the treating professional. Insurance expenses directly incurred by the individual with an IDD or developmental delay are included.

**PROGRAM EXPENSE** – services related to serving multiple families and are funded through the direct service line. **This service is not identified in the individual’s FSP (Family Support Plan).** Program expense is the maintenance, operation, or enhancement of a resource library that consists of an inventory of goods and equipment used to meet the needs of individuals with an IDD or developmental delay on a temporary basis. Program expense is the cost associated with participation with other community agencies in the development, maintenance, and operation of projects, supports, or services that benefit individuals with an IDD or developmental delay. **This service is not eligible for FSSP grant funding in the FSP (ie grant application).**

**SPECIALIZED SERVICES** – as identified by the Family Support Council & CCB and included in their written policy and are available to any family receiving ongoing Family Support Services Program assistance in the service area.

**RESPITE** – the temporary care of a person with an IDD that provides relief to the family.

**TRANSPORTATION** – the direct cost to the family that is higher than costs typically incurred by other families because of the specialty medical appointments or therapies. Specialty medical appointments or therapies are defined as appointments needed due to the individual’s IDD or developmental delay. The direct cost is the cost of transportation, lodging, food expenses, and long-distance telephone calls to arrange for or coordinate medical services which are not covered by other sources.

### ***Additional Information***

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*All expenses must be directly related to the family member with an Intellectual or Developmental Delay/Disability.*

*Services and Supports Authorized are:*

- 1) Necessary for families to provide care to their family member with a developmental disability at home;*
- 2) Above and beyond costs incurred for a child or adult family member without a developmental disability;*
- 3) Not duplicative of other services funded through the DD system;*
- 4) Chosen by the family; and,*
- 5) Within any limitations set by the Family Support Council*

**Excluded Items** – Items that are NOT above and beyond the costs incurred for an individual without a developmental delay/intellectual developmental disability. Examples:

- Food
- Utilities
- Rent
- Vacation
- Typical clothing
- School supplies
- Out-of-state summer camps
- DVDs

**Note:** *This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of included and excluded grant funded services and items.*

If you have questions about what you can fund with your family support grant please contact a Family Support Navigator:

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