

HCS/ICF Comparison Chart

COMPARISON AREAS	ICF MR SERVICES	HCS SERVICES
REIMBURSEMENT TO PROVIDER	<i>Title 19 Medicaid Funds pay for services as well as room and board in a "daily rate" paid to the provider</i>	<i>Title 19 Medicaid funds pay for services in a "fee for service" system. Providers are reimbursed for each service provided.</i>
Supplemental Security Benefits	<i>SSI Benefits are paid to consumers on a monthly basis at the institutional rate of \$30.00 in addition to a \$30.00 stipend per month from TDHS. Each consumer receives a total monthly stipend of \$60.00 no matter the source of income. All other monies become applied income and are paid directly to the ICF-MR Provider and decrease the amount of Title 19 funds paid to the provider by that amount.</i>	<i>SSI Benefits are paid to consumers on a monthly basis at the community rate of \$564 if there is no other personal income.</i>
How SSI benefits are used	<i>Personal spending allowance</i>	<i>SSI Benefits or other benefits must pay for living expenses as well as provide personal spending funds. Consumers living in a residential setting split the cost of room and board. I.e. Three individuals living in a home will split the cost of rent, utilities, and groceries therefore making the living arrangement affordable. Even if a consumer chooses to have supports provided in their family home, they will receive the full community SSI allotment each month because of their enrollment in the HCS program. Their funds are available to help with family living expenses.</i>
Where individuals live	<i>Individuals served in the ICF-MR program, live in an institutional setting with a number of individuals depending on the size of the program. Most individuals share a personal bedroom with one other individual.</i>	<i>Individuals enrolled in the HCS program select the living arrangement from the following options: 1) in a 3/4 bed residence in the community where each individual has a private bedroom (this could be a house or an apartment 2) in their own family home 3) in a foster or companion care setting where 3 or less individuals with disabilities live</i>

<p>On-duty Awake Staff</p>	<p><i>ICF-MR facilities have awake staff on duty 24 hours per day, or at all times the consumer are present. Staffing ratios are dependent on the needs of the consumer but generally average no less than 6:1 client to staff ratio during a 24 hour period</i></p>	<p><i>HCS services provide the following staff depending on the residential type selected: 1) 3/4 bed residential provides 24-hour staff when a consumer is present in the home. Client to staff ratio is no greater than 4:1 in a four person residence, and 3:1 in a 3 person residence. This ratio can be much lower depending on level need (i.e. 2:1). Awake or sleeping staff at night time determined by the needs of the consumer in the home and by the policy of the HCS provider company ; 2) Own family home: staff provide one-on-one supports for a specified period of time each day or week, depending on the individual needs. Generally, no more than 8 hours per day can be provided under the service cap. The family would be responsible to provide supervision during other times; 3) foster or companion care: individuals living in this setting live in a typical "family" setting. The care giver is present whenever the consumer is in the home and would be available at all times, during the day or night to provide whatever is needed. For those individuals over 18 years of age, family members, including parents, can be paid as the foster/companion care provider.</i></p>
<p>What if the individual needs 1:1 staff whenever awake?</p>	<p><i>ICF-MR can provide 1 on 1 staff based on the LON 9 as approved by TDMHMR</i></p>	<p><i>HCS can provide 1 to 1 staff based on the LON 9 as approved by TDMHMR. Additionally, all in-home services (in the family home) are provided 1 on 1 regardless of level of need.</i></p>
<p>Room and Board Charges</p>	<p><i>Room and board charges are a part of the daily rate paid to providers through Medicaid Title 19 money</i></p>	<p><i>Room and board charges must be paid for by the consumer from SSI benefits received--in addition to community services for which they qualify</i></p>

<p>Meal Services</p>	<p><i>In large ICF-MR facilities, nutritious meals, based on menus devised and approved by licensed dieticians , are prepared daily by a dietary staff. In small ICF-MR Group Homes, consumers and staff work together to shop for groceries and make meals based on menus designed and approved by a licensed dietician. Dietary modifications are made in all ICF-MR settings when ordered by the physician or desired by the consumer, to ensure each individual receives a healthy diet to meet their individual needs</i></p>	<p><i>In HCS, consumers living in a residential setting design their own menus, based on needs and preferences with some basic guidelines set by licensed dieticians. Consumers frequently design their own shopping lists and are accompanied by staff to the local store to make the desired purchases. Groceries are paid for by the consumer's benefits or food stamps. Consumers living in a residential setting split the cost of groceries. If an item is purchased for a specific consumer, that individual would be responsible to pay for that item. Many consumers are actively involved in meal preparation as appropriate.</i></p>
<p>Community Program Services</p>	<p><i>ICF-MR consumers do not qualify for community programs</i></p>	<p><i>HCS consumers qualify based on their total private income. Most qualify for food stamps, reduced rate telephones, utility averaging, low-income housing benefits as available.</i></p>
<p>Medicaid Health Benefits</p>	<p><i>ICF-MR consumers qualify for Medicaid Services to pay for a maximum of 3 prescriptions and medical needs.</i></p>	<p><i>HCS consumers qualify for Medicaid Services to pay for unlimited prescriptions and medical needs</i></p>
<p>Medication not covered by Medicaid</p>	<p><i>If prescribed by the physician, are covered by the ICF-MR provider as part of the daily rate</i></p>	<p><i>Even if prescribed by the physician, must be paid for by the consumer from their SSI or other benefits. There are community services available that can assist the consumer with these costs when there are insufficient funds.</i></p>
<p>Dental Services</p>	<p><i>Those individuals under age 22 are covered by Texas Health Steps through Medicaid directly. Those individuals 22 and over have dental services paid for by the ICF-MR provider</i></p>	<p><i>Those individuals under age 22 are covered by Texas Health Steps through Medicaid directly. For those individuals 22 and over, the HCS program will pay for up to \$1000 in dental charges annually. Any amount over the \$1000 is paid directly by the consumer from his SSI benefits. However, there are programs in the community for which the consumer will qualify that can assist with the charges.</i></p>
<p>Skilled Nursing Supports</p>	<p><i>24 hour skilled nursing supports are available in most large ICF-MR facilities (over 15 bed)</i></p>	<p><i>24 hour skilled nursing is not available. Some individual nursing supports are available in the HCS program. Most</i></p>

		<i>individuals enrolled in the program do not receive more than 1 hour per week of individual nursing services.</i>
Day Program	<i>Individuals served in the ICF-MR program are required to have "continuous active treatment" which includes day activities. School aged individuals receive day services through the local Independent School District. Other types of day support can include competitive community employment, supported employment, sheltered employment, or specialized Day Habilitation Programs.</i>	<i>Individuals enrolled in the HCS program are required to participate in a 6 hour per day (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and vacation periods) day program away from their residence. School aged individuals receive day services through the local Independent School District. Other types of day support can include competitive community employment, supported employment, sheltered employment, or specialized Day Habilitation Programs.</i>
Therapeutic Visits	<i>Individuals living in an ICF-MR facility are allowed unlimited 3 day therapeutic visits (not counting the day of departure or the day of arrival) and one 10 day therapeutic visit per year which can be used in conjunction with a 3 day visit.</i>	<i>Individuals enrolled in an HCS program are allowed unlimited therapeutic visits of unlimited duration.</i>
Coordination Services	<i>Individuals living in an ICF-MR facility have an assigned QMRP who is responsible for the overall coordination of the support services provided.</i>	<i>All individuals enrolled in an HCS program have an assigned Case Manager who is responsible for the overall coordination of the support services provided.</i>
Program Planning	<i>Each individual living in an ICF-MR facility has at least annual Interdisciplinary Team planning meetings. Person Directed Plans are devised by the Team for each individual and addendums are held to modify the plan as needed.</i>	<i>Each individual enrolled in an HCS program has at least annual Interdisciplinary Team planning meetings. Person Directed Plans are devised by the Team for each individual and addendums are held to modify the plan as needed. The plan justifies all needed services in a document called an Individual Plan of Care. Only services placed on the Plan of Care can be provided. This document can be changed 365 days a year as needed.</i>
Monitoring of the Plans	<i>There is at least quarterly monitoring of the entire plan, with monthly data and service tracking review completed by the QMRP</i>	<i>There is at least quarterly monitoring of the entire plan, with monthly data and service tracking review completed by the case manager</i>

Habilitation Training	<i>All consumers are actively involved in habilitation training as devised by the Interdisciplinary Team to assist the individual in achieving their individual desired personal outcomes.</i>	<i>All consumers are actively involved in habilitation training as devised by the Interdisciplinary Team to assist the individual in achieving their individual desired personal outcomes.</i>
Adaptive Aids	<i>Adaptive aids ordered by a physician and not covered by Medicaid, are paid for by the ICF-MR provider.</i>	<i>Adaptive aids ordered by a physician and not covered by Medicaid, are paid for by the HCS program up to a ceiling of \$10,000 annually.</i>
Home Modifications	<i>ICF-MR facilities provide a safe environment and make modifications to the building as needed to meet the special needs of individuals living in that setting</i>	<i>HCS pays for minor home modifications to the residential setting of choice up to \$7500 as a lifetime benefit with an additional \$300 annually available to maintain the modification. HCS will pay for whatever is needed due to the "disability"--if services are provided in the family home and the family needs a "handicapped bathroom", HCS will pay for the "handicapping" of the bathroom, but would not pay to add a second bathroom for convenience.</i>
Therapy Services	<i>All restorative services are paid for by Medicaid directly. All services needed for maintenance purposes are paid for by the ICF-MR facility as ordered by the physician and approved by the Interdisciplinary Team.</i>	<i>All restorative services are paid for by Medicaid directly. Occupational Therapy Services, Physical Therapy Services, and Speech Therapy Services are the only supports paid for by the HCS program. These services are available when ordered by a physician and approved by the IDT if they can be provided within the ceiling cap set for services by the HCS program.</i>
Dietary Services	<i>Individuals enrolled in the ICF-MR facility receive any needed dietary services and follow up as needed as a part of the Daily Rate paid to the ICF-MR provider</i>	<i>Individuals enrolled in the HCS program can receive any needed dietary services as approved on the Individual Plan of Care and within the ceiling cap. Individuals frequently receive annual dietary assessments with quarterly follow-up.</i>
Psychological Services	<i>Individuals enrolled in the ICF-MR facility receive any needed psychological services and follow up as needed as a part of the Daily Rate paid to the ICF-MR provider.</i>	<i>Individuals enrolled in the HCS program can receive any needed psychological services as approved on the Individual Plan of Care and within the ceiling cap. Individuals frequently receive annual psychological assessments and quarterly</i>

		<i>follow-up.</i>
Psychiatric Services	<i>These services are paid for by Medicaid directly</i>	<i>These services are paid for by Medicaid directly.</i>
Audiology Services	<i>If not covered by Medicaid, paid for as a part of the daily rate</i>	<i>If not covered by Medicaid, HCS will pay for these services if included in the Individual Plan of Care and within the ceiling cap.</i>
Behavioral Support	<i>Individuals served in the ICF-MR program receive assistance with Behavior Supports as needed. Behavior Support Plans are developed by the Interdisciplinary Team and monitored by the QMRP in conjunction with the psychologist as needed.</i>	<i>Individuals served in the HCS program receive assistance with Behavior Supports as needed and as approved on the Individual Plan of Care. Behavior Support Plans must be developed, implemented, and monitored by a licensed psychologist.</i>
Ceiling Cap	<i>None, all needed services are covered within the Daily Rate paid to the ICF-MR provider.</i>	<i>A ceiling cap is set for each individual receiving HCS services which is to be no more than 120% of the ICF-MR cost for services for the individual. Justification as well as prior approval is required from TDMHMR before any individual's individual plan of care can exceed the ceiling cap which is based on Level of Need</i>
How can I contact someone immediately?	<i>In the larger ICF-MR facilities, there is always someone on site to provide immediate assistance. At the smaller ICF-MR facilities, LARs are provided with emergency numbers.</i>	<i>Each consumer or LAR is provided with a cell phone number, pager number, or home phone number for the Case Manager. Additionally, during office hours, someone is available to answer your call.</i>
Documentation Requirements	<i>If it is not documented, it didn't happen</i>	<i>If it is not documented, it didn't happen</i>