

How Can Guardians of Adults with Intellectual Disability Get Paid by DDS?

Overview

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has worked with the Federal Government, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), to offer guardians the ability to provide and be paid to provide support to adults with intellectual disability. Guardians can now be paid for four types of services: **Individualized Home Supports, Individualized Day Supports, Senior Supports** and **Personal Supports**.

In some cases where the individual and guardian do not live in the same home (or only live together part of the time), guardians may be paid for **Respite Care**, determined on a case-by-case basis.

Summary

Effective Date	May 1, 2024
Eligibility and Conditions	● Applies to Legal Guardians and Conservators of an adult who has existing DDS funding. ● The guardian cannot be the Employer of Record (EOR) for the individual's budget. ● This is a change in who is allowed to be staff, not a new service type. ● Funding is based on the individual's existing budget.
Payment Details:	● Guardians can only be paid for the number of hours in the individual's budget. ● There is a cap of 2,100 awake hours annually. ● Guardians are not eligible for overtime. ● Guardians can only be responsible for the individual they are being paid for.

Agreement and Process

- The team, including the individual, must agree to the arrangement.
- All supports paid for by DDS must be in the individual's best interest.
- Guardians must go through the same process as other direct support professionals, including a background check and training.
- Guardians must work on the goals in the Individual Plan (IP) and provide documentation on progress every six months.
- Guardians must use Electronic Visit Verification (EVV).

Questions? Please contact the individual's DDS Case Manager