

One-time Transitional Costs (b)(3) Waiver Service

**T2038 U4 – ID/DD
H0043 U4 – Mental Health**

SERVICE

One-time Transitional Costs (Community Transition) provides funding for an individual to move from an institutional setting into his/her own private residence in the community or to divert an enrollee from entering an adult care home. Institutional settings include adult care homes, Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs), State Psychiatric Hospitals, ICF-IIDs, nursing facilities, PRTFs, or alternative family living arrangements. This service may only be provided in a private home or apartment with a lease in the beneficiary's / legal guardian's / representative's name or a home owned by the beneficiary.

Funds are used to pay for necessary expenses to establish a basic living arrangement. The total amount of funding available cannot exceed \$5,000 per enrollee. Funds can be used in conjunction with Transition Year Stability Funding (TYSF) and Money Follows the Person (MFP) start-up funds. One-time Transitional Costs may be used for the following:

1. Equipment, essential furnishings and household products;
2. Moving expenses;
3. Security deposits or other such payments required to obtain a lease;
4. Set-up fees or deposits for utility or service access (e.g. telephone, electricity, heating);
5. Environmental health and safety assurances, such as pest eradication, allergen control, one-time cleaning prior to occupancy.

Community Transition expenses are furnished only to the extent that the beneficiary is unable to meet such an expense or when the support cannot be obtained from other sources. These supports may be provided only once to a waiver beneficiary.

Provider Requirements

Community Transition services are provided by:

1. Specialized Vendor Suppliers: Meets applicable regulations for type of service that the provider/supplier is providing as approved by the LME-MCO
2. Agencies that provide Community Guide Services that meet the following requirements:
 - NC G.S. 122C, as applicable
 - Meet applicable regulations
3. Commercial / Retail Businesses: Meets application regulations for type of service that the provider / supplier is providing.

4. Vendors, suppliers, and commercial businesses can be paid directly by Eastpointe, as appropriate.
 5. Eastpointe may fund the expenses through a provider agency assisting the enrollee to move, as appropriate.
 6. Service providers must be enrolled in Eastpointe's network and meet all state and federal requirements, including, but not limited to, those found in 10 NCAC 27G.0204.
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Staffing Requirements

N/A

Populations Eligible

- Adults with I/DD as defined in GS 122C; **or**
 - Adults who have Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI)
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Utilization Management

Community Transition is provided only to the extent that the individual is unable to meet such expenses or when the support cannot be obtained from other sources.

Community Transition may be provided only once to any individual and has a lifetime limit of \$5,000 per individual

Medical necessity for services must be documented in a treatment plan (Person Centered Plan, Individual Support Plan, etc.).

Service Orders

Medicaid services require a service order.

Continued Stay Criteria

Not applicable

Discharge Criteria

Not applicable

Documentation Requirements

The **Community Transition** Checklist is completed to document the items requested under this

definition. The Checklist is submitted to the LME-MCO by the agency that is providing the services.

Service Exclusions

Total expenditures for **Community Transition** cannot exceed the 1915(b)(3) resources available in the waiver.

Cannot be provided to children ages 3-20th year who are receiving Medicaid MH/SUD residential treatment.

Cannot duplicate services currently being provided by educational institutions or Vocational Rehabilitation (VR).

Community Transition does **not** include:

- Monthly rental or mortgage expenses
- Regular utility bills
- Recreational items such as televisions, CD / DVD players and components
- Service and maintenance contracts and extended warranties.

Individuals on the Innovations waiver are not eligible for (b)(3) funded services.

Community Transition may not be provided by family members.