**AFH Community Integration, CI Mileage, Medical Mileage**

**Talking Points for DDA Field Staff**

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| **What is Community Integration?** | Community Integration means being out in the local community and participating in activities that one chooses. Participating in community activities also means making new connections with people and developing friendships. |
| **Who can receive Community Integration?** | Community Integration is available to DSHS funded residents in Adult Family Homes. Community Integration is person-centered and individualized based on each resident’s interests and is intended to be provided individually.  |
| **Will all residents in AFHs get Community Integration?** | Community Integration is available for DSHS funded AFH residents who have an assessed need for Community integration AND want to participate in their local community. |
| **How will the CRM/SSS identify an unmet or partially met need for Community Integration?** | Several additional screens have been added to the CARE tool for CRMs/SSS to assess Community Integration needs for AFH residents.  |
| **How many hours per month of Community Integration can an AFH resident receive?** | DSHS funded AFH residents who have an assessed need for Community Integration and are interested in receiving CI will each receive 4 hours per month. |
| **What activities are included in the 4 hours of Community Integration per month?** | The 4 hours of AFH staff time per month may include assisting the resident identify, plan, and arrange activities; arranging/assisting the resident to arrange, or providing transportation to/from the activity; accompanying the resident during the activity (if needed); and looking for additional opportunities the resident may want to participate in a community activity. |
| **What if a resident doesn’t want Community Integration?** | The AFH daily rate for DSHS funded residents will not include Community Integration for those residents who don’t want CI or don’t have an assessed need for CI. |
| **Does community integration replace the Meaningful Home-Based Activities Pilot?** | No. AFH residents participating in the Meaningful Home-Based Activities Pilot who have an assessed need for Community Integration may also receive CI. |
| **Who will provide support for Community Integration?** | AFH providers or their staff will provide support to their DSHS funded residents who have an assessed need for CI. |
| **What if a resident has family or friends who take them to community activities?** | If an AFH resident is interested in more activities in the community beyond what they are doing with family or friends, their Community Integration needs would be assessed as partially met. The resident can receive 4 hours per month of CI in addition to the activities provided by their natural supports. |
| **Can an AFH provider “opt out” of providing Community Integration?** | No. If the DSHS funded AFH resident has an assessed need for Community Integration, the AFH provider **must** support the resident to meet the assessed need. |
| **How do CRMs/SSS authorize Community Integration in CARE?** | CARE will include Community Integration in the daily rate for DSHS funded AFH residents who have an assessed need for support and an interest in participating in community activities. No additional authorization is needed for Community Integration. |
| **What about mileage for Community Integration activities?** | AFH providers may be reimbursed for up to 100 miles per month for transporting the resident to and/or from Community Integration activities if there is an assessed need for transportation. |
| **Is the AFH provider required to transport residents to/from community activities?** | The AFH provider is responsible for arranging transportation to and from community integration activities if the AFH provider or their staff does not transport residents who have an assessed need for transportation.  |
| **How will CRMs/SSS know if residents are getting out into the community?** | The AFH provider’s Negotiated Care Plan must include Community Integration when it is an assessed need. The AFH provider must track the time spent on CI activities for each client with an assessed need.  |
| **Can an AFH provider claim the Community Integration mileage reimbursement to pay for a bus pass or to pay for transportation provided by non-AFH staff?** | No. The AFH provider may be reimbursed up to 100 miles per month for Community Integration mileage ONLY if the AFH provider or their staff transports the client to and/or from Community Integration activities. |
| **Can an AFH provider claim CI mileage reimbursement to transport residents to:*** **Work/bus to go to work?**
* **DVR?**
* **Community Inclusion\* Activities?**
* **Adult Day Health?**
* **Medical Appointments?**
* **School?**
 | No. The Community Integration mileage reimbursement cannot be claimed for any of these activities.\*Community Inclusion (formerly Community Access) is a waiver service.  |
| **What is the difference between Community Integration, Community Inclusion, Community Engagement, and Community Guide?** | * Community Integration is available only to DSHS funded AFH residents.

Community Inclusion is a waiver service available for DDA clients who are on a Basic Plus or Core waiver and are either over 62 years of age or have an exception for employment support.Community Engagement is available to DDA clients on the IFS waiver.Community Guide Services is available to DDA clients on the Basic Plus waiver. It is also available on the Core waiver for clients in DDA non-residential settings. Community Guide Services can be used in combination with employment services. |
| **Is the Community Integration mileage included in the daily rate?** | No. If the AFH resident has an assessed need for Community Integration mileage, the CRM/SSS will authorize CI mileage separately in ProviderOne. |
| **Can AFH providers be reimbursed for transporting residents to and/or from medical appointments?** | AFH providers may be reimbursed up to 50 miles per month to transport the resident to/from medical appointments only when Medicaid brokered transportation is unavailable. The unmet need must be documented in the resident’s CARE assessment.  |
| **Is medical mileage included in the daily rate?** | No. If the resident has an assessed need for medical mileage, the CRM/SSS will need to authorize it in ProviderOne. |
| **What are the monthly documentation expectations for Community Integration, CI Mileage, and Medical Mileage?** | The AFH provider must document all Community Integration activities, CI Mileage, and Medical Mileage that they are claiming reimbursement for. If two residents are interested in the same activity and want to participate together, the total time and total mileage must be divided equally between the two residents for documentation purposes. For example, two residents attend an activity that is a total of 4 hours of AFH staff time and staff transport them 30 miles. Each resident would have received 2 hours each of CI and 15 miles for CI transportation.  |

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