

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

1. Advocacy - assistance with accessing benefits, services or programs to which you may be entitled but are having difficulty obtaining.
2. Assistive devices/equipment – help receiving specialized equipment such as TTYs, wheelchairs and lifts. This includes equipment repair and loan as needed.
3. Benefits advisement - assistance provided with applying for economic benefits. This service does not include the representation at hearings or appeals.
4. Education services – classroom or individual educational programs at the primary, secondary or college levels; this includes home tutoring.
5. Employment / work readiness services - training in job-seeking skills such as interviewing and resume writing, and/or providing supported employment opportunities and/or integrated job placement services.
6. Family services - services provided to family members of individuals with disabilities when help is needed for helping the individual to live more independently, or to engage or continue in employment. This may include respite care.
7. Home care / personal assistance services - includes providing attendant care to consumers and/or training consumers to supervise their own attendants.
8. Housing or shelter services - information, advice, and assistance related to finding or keeping affordable, accessible and/or integrated housing. Includes assistance with looking through newspaper ads, how to talk with landlords, finding lists of available accessible housing, and information and assistance in applying for housing support.
9. Independent living skills development and life skills services - Instruction to develop independent living skills in areas such as personal care, coping skills, use of assistive technology, financial management, social skills, and household management, including education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities.
10. Information and referral services (I&R) – information about other needed services in the area, and/or being referred directly to specific agencies.
11. Medical / health services – services needed to treat specific medical conditions.
12. Mental health services – services to treat mental health needs
13. Mobility training - variety of services involved in assisting individuals with cognitive and sensory impairments to get around their homes and communities.
14. Peer counseling - counseling, teaching, information sharing, and similar kinds of services provided by other individuals with disabilities. This may include information about disability laws, civil rights and other available protections, and strategies and resources to support personal empowerment.

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15. Recreational services – providing or identifying opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in accessible, integrated leisure time activities; community affairs and/or other accessible, integrated recreation activities that may be competitive, active or quiet.
16. Supported services for apartment living – a wide range of services to assist individuals who are transitioning to live independently in the community
17. Transportation services - provision of, or arrangements for provision of accessible transportation.