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5160-44-08 **Nursing facility-based level of care home and community-based services programs:
community transition services.**

- (A) "Community transition services" provide reimbursement for non-recurring start-up living expenses for individuals transitioning to a setting compliant with the requirements set forth in rule 5160-44-01 of the Administrative Code. Individuals shall have a ninety consecutive-day institutional stay immediately prior to being authorized for services. Community transition services:
- (1) Include allowable expenses necessary to enable an individual to establish a basic household and that do not constitute room and board. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Security deposits and rental expenses required to obtain a lease on housing;
 - (b) Essential household furnishings and moving expenses required to occupy and use housing, including, but not limited to furniture, window coverings, food preparation items and bed/bath linens;
 - (c) Fees or deposits for utility or service access, including, but not limited to telephone/cellphone, electricity, heating, garbage and water;
 - (d) Moving expenses;
 - (e) Pre-transition transportation services necessary to secure housing and benefits, etc.;
 - (f) Initial grocery purchase including, but not limited to food, and cleaning and household supplies.
 - (2) Are reimbursable only to the extent:
 - (a) They are determined reasonable and necessary through the person-centered services planning process and are clearly identified in the person-centered services plan; and
 - (b) The Ohio department of medicaid (ODM), the Ohio department of aging (ODA) or their designee shall only authorize an expense in an individual's person-centered services plan if no other person, including a landlord, has a legal or contractual responsibility to fund the expense, and if family, neighbors, friends or community agencies are unwilling to fund the expense.
 - (3) May be authorized up to one hundred and eighty consecutive days prior to an individual's transition from an institution into the community. The date of services for purposes of reimbursement shall be the date the individual leaves the institutional setting. If an individual fails to transition to the community, the service is still reimbursable.
 - (4) Shall be furnished no later than thirty calendar days after the date on which the individual enrolls on the waiver.
- (B) Community transition services do not include:
- (1) Ongoing monthly rental or mortgage expenses;
 - (2) Ongoing grocery expenses;
 - (3) Ongoing utility or service expenses;

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(4) Ongoing cellphone expenses;

(5) Ongoing cable and/or internet expenses;

(6) Electronic and other household appliances or items intended to be used for entertainment or recreational purposes; and

(7) Tobacco products and alcohol.

(C) Limitations.

(1) Services shall only be used one time per individual per waiver enrollment.

(2) Community transition services shall not exceed two thousand dollars per individual.

(3) Community transition services may be used concurrently with community integration services as that service is set forth in rule 5160-44-14 of the Administrative Code.

(D) Provider qualifications.

Providers shall be either:

(1) An ODM-approved or Ohio department of aging (ODA) -certified waiver agency provider;

(2) An ODM-approved or ODA-certified non-agency provider; or

(3) An ODA-certified assisted living waiver service provider.

(E) All providers shall maintain a record at their place of business for each individual served in accordance with the requirements set forth in rule 5160-44-31 of the Administrative Code. For each service provided, the provider shall include:

(1) The individual's name;

(2) Date of service;

(3) A detailed description of each expense;

(4) A receipt for each expense;

(5) Verification the individual was involved in the selection of all items; and

(6) The individual's signature to verify receipt of the service.