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I. DEFINITION

ELARC may assist families with the cost of cloth or disposable diapers when diapers are needed beyond the period of time when children without disabilities would require them.

II. CRITERIA

ELARC may purchase diapers under three years of age when a family can demonstrate a financial need and when doing so will enable the child to remain in the family home [WIC section 4685, subd. (c)(7)]. The current Federal Poverty Guidelines shall be used to establish financial need. (See Attachment) Parental responsibility must be considered for children under three years of age, as typical infants and toddlers require diapers at this age.

ELARC may purchase disposable diapers for consumers ages three and older that are totally incontinent and medically or cognitively unresponsive to toilet training and are not eligible for generic resources. Consumers ages three and older without permanent incontinence that are not eligible for generic resources may qualify for funding of diapers while engaged in a toilet training program.

III. AMOUNT OF SERVICE

Amount and duration of service will vary based on individual need, relative to current recommendations, evaluations and funding resources available.

General guidelines for ELARC funding are:

- A. A one-time purchase of cloth diapers and diaper. Covers will be offered to families (five dozen diapers and three diaper covers).
- B. Disposable diapers will be considered with a physician prescription and a regional center physician record review. One case of disposable diapers per month if incontinence is not due to medical condition and consumer is in toilet training program.
- C. Up to 2 cases of disposable diapers per month or as deemed appropriate by the IFSP/IPP team and with a documented medical condition or cognitive condition judged unresponsive to toilet training.



Unusual circumstances or exceptions to above guidelines must be brought to the attention of the supervisor.

ELARC will only fund generic brand diapers.

IV. ALTERNATIVE FUNDING RESOURCES

ELARC shall not purchase any service that would otherwise be available from Medi-Cal, Medicare, The Civilian Health and Medical Program for Uniform Services, In Home Support Services, California Children's Services, private insurance, or a health care service plan when a consumer or a family meets the criteria of this coverage but chooses not to pursue that coverage [WIC 4659 (c)].

Medi-Cal will fund for diapers for total or permanent incontinence at age five. If there is a documented medical condition, Medi-Cal shall fund services. The only reason regional centers shall fund is if generic services are not available to the consumer. Private health plans may also pay for diapers. CHAMPUS and family resources should also be considered.

V. PROCESS FOR PURCHASE OF SERVICE

- Service coordinator will request financial information from parents and review the diaper POS Guideline with the family.
- Service coordinator will request medical documentation (i.e. physician's records clearly explaining in detail that it is medically necessary. For example due to urinary tract infection), if parents are requesting diapers due to medical condition. A prescription for diapers solely will not suffice as medical documentation.
- The medical information will be forwarded to the ELARC physician for review.
- Service coordinator completes the authorization (1-11) and submits for processing.
- ELARC fiscal/administration will process the authorization for payment to the vendor.

VI. EVALUATION OF SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS

The planning process and consumer/family feedback would serve as the mechanism for evaluating the effectiveness of the service. All diaper purchases will be re-evaluated on a semi-annual basis.



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2017

The 2017 poverty guidelines are in effect as of January 26, 2017.

See also the [Federal Register notice of the 2017 poverty guidelines](#), published January 31, 2017

2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person.	
1	\$12,060
2	\$16,240
3	\$20,420
4	\$24,600
5	\$28,780
6	\$32,960
7	\$37,140
8	\$41,320