

Health and Safety Waiver Fact Sheet



Community Connections

Overview

A Health and Safety Waiver allows vendors to make changes that allow them to provide services to individuals who have unaddressed needs due to a language barrier, a need for a higher level of support than currently provided, or a need for a higher service rate.

The objective is to lessen the health and safety risk of the individuals we serve, through enhanced services beyond what is available.

Health and Safety Waiver Examples

The following are examples of changes that can be made under a Health and Safety Waiver:

- Training of staff to be able to provide the appropriate level of support.
- Wage increase for staff providing direct support to the individual.

Health and Safety Waiver Request Process:



Request of the Health and Safety Waiver exemption must be discussed by the team of support of the individual at the Individual Program Plan (IPP) meeting, quarterly review, or informal meeting. Service Coordinator and their Supervisor review the request. If appropriate then Regional Center and vendor begin process. Alternative options and community resources (IHSS, Medical Insurance, etc.) must be pursued first.

Health and Safety Waiver Process:



Upon the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) approval of the exemption, Service Coordinator to submit request for vendorization.

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