

Service Brief

Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities

Service Objectives

Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities aims at providing a package of home-based support services to meet their personal care, nursing care and rehabilitation training needs of persons with severe intellectual / physical disabilities / moderate nursing care need or functional impairment¹. It also aims at relieving the stress of their family members / carers and improving their quality of life.

Target Groups

- Persons with severe intellectual / physical disabilities who are on the waiting list for subvented residential care service of Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped, Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped / Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons;
- Persons with severe intellectual / physical disabilities who are assessed to be eligible for the service in accordance with the Assessment Tool for Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities¹;
- Students attending special schools for children with severe intellectual / physical disabilities; and
- Family members / carers of the above-mentioned service users.

Programme Content

- The Home Care Service provides a package of home-based support services, including:
 - (i) Nursing care
 - (ii) Rehabilitation training²
 - (iii) Personal care service
 - (iv) Escort service
 - (v) Carer support service
 - (vi) Home respite service
 - (vii) Social work service
 - (viii) Meal support service (to be coordinated by case managers based on service users' need. Meal fee is paid by service users.)
 - (ix) Transportation service³

¹ With effect from March 2020, eligible service users for the service would include those assessed through the Assessment Tool for Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities as having moderate to high level of nursing care need or/and lower moderate to moderate level of functional impairment.

² With effect from March 2020, apart from provision of physiotherapy and occupational therapy, rehabilitation training has been enhanced to include speech therapy service.

³ Service unit would provide transportation service and announce its service commencement to its service users, pending completion of the procurement of the rehabilitation bus.

Fee and Charges

Category of services	Fee charging
Full package of services	\$1,002 (monthly ceiling charges)
Individual service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal care service• Escort service• Home respite service• Rehabilitation training• Nursing care (provided by health worker)• Home visit by Occupational Therapist / Physiotherapist / Speech Therapist• Home visit by Nurse	\$33 per hour \$33 per hour \$33 per hour \$33 per hour \$33 per session* \$52 per session* \$43 per session*
Other Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation service³	\$10 per trip

*Each session lasts at least 45 minutes

Application Channel

Persons eligible for the service can either approach the service providers or apply for the service through their social workers.

Remarks

Persons with severe disabilities over the age of 60 can opt for (1) Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities / Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities or (2) services for the elderly including Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) / Enhanced Home and Community Care Services / Day Care Centre / Unit for the Elderly / Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly if the applicant is assessed to be eligible for service. The applicant cannot receive both kinds of services at the same time. For the applicant with severe disabilities under the age of 60, he/she can only choose Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities or Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities depending on their eligibility for the respective service. To avoid service duplication, applicant / guardian / appointee is required to make a declaration for the service operator of not using similar services of other subvented non-government organisations during service application, and gives consent for the service operator to confirm information with relevant agencies.

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