

Supported Community Living (SCL)

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What is SCL?

- ▶ Supported Community Living (SCL) services are provided within the member's home and community, according to the individualized member need as identified in the member's service plan.
- ▶ The services are intended to develop, increase and maintain independent living-skills.



Components of SCL

Personal and home skills training services

- Develop or maintain skills for self-care, self-directedness, and care of immediate environment

Individual advocacy services

- The act or process of representing the person's rights and interests in order to realize the rights to which the person is entitled and to remove barriers to meeting the person's needs.

Community skills training services

- Develop and maintain skills to allow better participation in the community

Personal environment support services

- Allow member to function in the least restrictive environment

Transportation

- Conduct business errands, essential shopping, travel to assist member to obtain services to carry out life's activities..
- The services exclude transportation provided as nonemergency medical transportation pursuant to rule 441—78.13(249A).

Treatment services

- Physiological treatment
- Psychotherapeutic treatment

Components of SCL (cont.)

► SCL should focus on the following areas as they apply to the member:

- Personal management skills training services :

- Maintain or develop skills to sustain member in the physical environment.
Examples: Planning and preparing nutritional meals, using community resources, maintaining a household budget, and selecting foods at the grocery store.

- Health, safety, and wellness training services:

- Maintain or develop skills to support member's health, safety, and wellness.
Examples: taking medications, locking doors, exercise, activities to support mental well-being.

- Socialization skills training services:

- Develop and maintain skills that include self-awareness, self-control, community participation, and interpersonal skills.

- Communication skills training services:

- Develop and maintain skills that include expressive and receptive skills in verbal and nonverbal language

Who can access SCL, where and when?

- Who: Children and Adults
- Where: Integrated Community-Based Settings
 - Member's own home
 - Member's family home
 - Provider Owned or Controlled home
 - Community
- When: Available as needed during any 24-hour period based on a member's needs



Reminders:

- ▶ The Host Home model is not an option under CCO as there is no SCL Provider Agency subcontracting for the delivery of SCL.
- ▶ Under the CCO program, an adult child residing in the family home may receive SCL delivered by their parent(s) if they are an employee of the member.
- ▶ If a member needs 8 or more hours per day in the family home, the daily rate may be used, otherwise the 15-minute units of service is applicable.
- ▶ Under the CCO program, a parent or other legally responsible adult of a minor (age 17 and under) may be an employee of the member and provide intermittent SCL up to 52 hours per month to that child.
- ▶ Variance Requests – If a member needs to access intermittent SCL services exceeding 52 hours in a month, a variance request will need submitted to the state by the member's case manager. This requirement is outlined in IAC 441 83.61(2) Need for services (3).
- ▶ If the parent is an employee of the CCO program participant, that parent may not be designated as the employer or budget authority for the CCO participant.

Reminders (cont.):

► Supervision:

- Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) rules in 441-78.41(249A) to mean that SCL provided to members may include support and supervision as part of SCL services regardless of whether the reimbursement is for daily or hourly SCL
- Support and supervision may be a personal need of a member to allow them to function in the least restrictive environment. Providing support and supervision to a member, even if less than 8 hours per day, may be needed to maintain the member in the least restrictive environment within their home and community.

► SCL is a service used to teach members how to do things, it is not a DO FOR service.

► SCL service delivery time must focus on the goals outlined in the member's Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP).

- Documentation must pertain to the goals worked on during service delivery.
- Documentation must show the full scope of the support and services provided during service delivery.
- Documentation must show how the member responds to interventions during service delivery.
- Documentation should include progress or status notes for the services or activities provided. IAC 79.3(2) 2
- Documentation should not be copied and pasted from one day to another or member to member.
- Service documentation can be in checkbox format; as well as include narratives to capture details of the services provided.

Reminders (cont.):

- ▶ SCL does not replace parental responsibility. For example, a child should not have goals to clean an entire room in the home (kitchen, bathroom, etc.) or to prepare the family dinner. While a child can learn components of these tasks, it is the parent's responsibility to complete the bulk of these tasks.
- ▶ Services shall not be simultaneously reimbursed with other residential services, waiver-funded Respite, state plan or waiver funded Nursing, or state plan or waiver-funded Home Health Aide services.
- ▶ SCL does not include:
 - Room and board costs
 - Academics
 - Medical services
 - Vocational services
 - Daycare
 - Case management
 - Babysitting
 - Parenting

Resources

- ▶ CMS Approved Waivers (January 2026): [Federal Waiver Documents | Health & Human Services](#)
- ▶ HHS Provider Policy Manuals: [Home- and Community-Based Services \(HCBS\)](#)
- ▶ Legally Responsible Persons and Legal Representatives as Paid Caregivers of Supported Community Living [Legally Responsible Persons and Legal Representatives as Paid Caregivers of Supported Community Living \(SCL\)](#)

Questions

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