



Consensus Definition Supplement: Service and Support Categories and Examples

HCBS Definition Project

The consensus definition for HCBS does not list every possible HCBS service. However, examples are helpful to understand the range of supports that may fall within the definition.

The consensus definition refers to examples such as help with everyday activities, including personal care and other services in people's homes; health-related and behavioral health supports; assistance to do things outside the home, including transportation; employment and other chosen day activities; supports for families and unpaid caregivers; home modifications and enabling technologies; and service coordination and navigation across systems.

The categories below are examples, not an exhaustive list. HCBS can include many different types of supports. The examples are intended to show the range of services that may fall within the consensus definition when they help people live at home, be part of community life, exercise choice and control, and avoid institutional settings.

Consensus Definition Supplement: Service Categories and Examples

Service Category	Examples — not all-inclusive
Personal Assistance and Daily Living Supports	Personal care; help with bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, mobility, cooking, shopping, cleaning, laundry, and other daily activities
Health-Related Supports	Home health; nursing; private duty nursing; occupational, physical, or speech therapy; medication support; health monitoring; maintaining direct support services during a short-term acute care stay; medical transportation
Behavioral Health Supports	Behavioral supports; community-based crisis support; peer supports; other supports that help people remain safely at home and in the community
Community Participation, Relationships, and Transportation	Transportation; community integration; peer support; support for social, recreational, civic, cultural, religious, or neighborhood activities
Employment, Education, and Chosen Day Activities	Supported employment; job coaching; vocational supports; day habilitation or day services; support for school, volunteering, or other meaningful activities
Housing, Home Modifications, and Independent Living Supports	Supported living; housing transition supports; help finding or keeping housing; home modifications; vehicle modifications; assistive or enabling technology; adaptive equipment
Skill-Building and Independent Living Supports	Independent living skills training; communication supports; decision-making supports; help managing routines, relationships, schedules, and community activities
Family and Unpaid Caregiver Supports	Respite; caregiver training; family navigation; backup support planning; help for natural support networks
Service Coordination and Navigation Across Systems	Case management; service coordination; person-centered planning; options counseling; benefits navigation; support brokerage; fiscal intermediary or financial management services in self-directed models