

Pest Control Treatment & Pest Control Bed Bugs

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Definition

Pest Control Treatment and Pest Control Bed Bugs aid in maintaining an environment free of insects such as roaches and other potential disease carriers to enhance safety, sanitation, and cleanliness of the participant’s home/or residence.

Service Unit

Pest Control Treatment: maximum of one unit every other month at \$45.00 per unit

Pest Control Bed Bugs: limited to one unit per year at \$1,000 per unit

Refer to the current HASCI Waiver rate table for reimbursement amounts. *This can be accessed via the SCDDSN Application Portal >R2D2 >View Reports >Service Rates> HASCI*

Service Limit / Restrictions

Individuals receiving Residential Habilitation services may not receive Pest Control services through the HASCI Waiver.

When there is more than one waiver participant residing in the same household, regardless of whether they are enrolled in the same waiver or different waivers, only one participant may be authorized to receive pest control.

Pest Control Treatment authorizations are for a maximum of one unit every other month at \$45.00 per unit.

Pest Control Bed Bugs authorizations are limited to one time per year at \$1,000 per unit.

Pest Control treatments shall include both in-home and exterior treatment. All providers must go into the participant’s home/or residence to inspect and treat the home environment.

A responsible adult who is eighteen years of age or older must be at the participant’s home/or residence at the time of the treatment or the provider will need to reschedule for a time when the responsible adult who is eighteen years of age or older will be present at the participant’s home/or residence.

Pest control services must be completed by the provider within 14 days of acceptance of the authorization for service.

Providers

Licensed business, enrolled with SCDHHS to provide Pest Control Services.

Conflict Free Case Management (effective June 1, 2021):

In order to honor choice and prevent conflicts of interest, providers of Waiver Case Management services must not provide any other waiver service to the same person. When there is a conflict, the WCM will help the participant understand why a conflict exists and offer a choice of either another WCM provider or another waiver service provider. The Case Manager must then transition the participant to the chosen provider within 60 days.

Arranging and Authorizing the Service

If the Waiver Case Manager determines that a participant is in need of Pest Control Treatment and/or Pest Control Bed Bugs, this must be clearly documented in the participant's Support Plan. The participant's Support Plan must be updated to clearly reflect the name of the service and payer, the amount, frequency and duration of the service, and provider type(s). In order to update the Support Plan, the Waiver Case Manager will request approval from the SCDDSN Waiver Administration Division.

Upon approval, service information must be entered into the Service Tracking System (STS) by the Waiver Case Manager.

Following Support Plan approval, the participant or representative must be offered choice of provider. Offering of provider choice and the provider selected must be clearly documented in Case Notes.

To initiate the service following approval by the Waiver Administration Division, an electronic authorization must be completed and submitted to the chosen provider. Pest Control Treatment services must be authorized annually at the time of the Support Plan, and as changes are made to the service throughout the plan year.

Pest Control Bed Bugs is authorized as a one time service.

Billing

Pest Control Treatment and Pest Control Bed Bugs must always be Direct-billed to Medicaid. Billing to SCDHHS must be indicated on the authorization. All instructions on the authorization must be followed in order to be reimbursed for the pest control service.

Monitorship

The Waiver Case Manager must monitor the effectiveness, frequency, duration, benefits, and usefulness of the service along with the participant's/family's satisfaction with the service. Monitoring may be completed with the participant, representative, service providers, or other relevant entities. Information gathered during monitoring may lead to a change in the service, such as an increase/decrease in units authorized, change of provider, change to a more appropriate service, etc. DDSN recommends that the Waiver Case Manager monitors this service when it begins and as changes are made.

Monitoring must be conducted as frequently as necessary in order to ensure:

- the health, safety and well-being of the participant;
- the service adequately addresses the needs of the participant;
- the service is being furnished by the chosen provider in accordance with the authorization, relevant policies and quality expectations;
- the participant/representative is satisfied with their chosen provider(s).

Some questions to consider during monitorship include:

- Is the participant satisfied with the provider of his/her service?
- When was the last time the service was received?
- Is the service meeting the need?
- Is the participant receiving the service as authorized?

Monitoring contacts, face-to-face visits, and review of the participant's Support Plan must be documented in Case Notes.

Service Denial, Reduction, Suspension, and Termination

If a HASCI Waiver participant is denied a service that was requested or denied an increase in units of a service already authorized, the Waiver Case Manager must provide written notification to the participant or legal guardian, including reason for denial. The Process for Reconsideration of SCDHHS Decisions must also be provided.

If a participant's authorized units of a HASCI Waiver service must be reduced, temporarily suspended, or indefinitely terminated, the Waiver Case Manager must provide written notification to the participant or legal guardian, including reason for the action. The Process for Reconsideration of SCDHHS Decisions must also be provided. The Waiver Case Manager will end the electronic authorization(s), sending notification to the affected service provider.

Except when the action was requested by the participant or legal guardian or if the action is due to the participant's death, admission to a hospital or nursing facility, or loss of Medicaid and/or HASCI Waiver eligibility, there must be at least 10 calendar days between the date of notification and effective date of the action.

Written notification to the participant or legal guardian is made using the following forms:

- *Notice of Denial of Service* (HASCI Form 11C)
- *Notice of Reduction of Service* (HASCI Form 11A)
- *Notice of Suspension of Service* (HASCI Form 11B)
- *Notice of Termination of Service* (HASCI Form 11)

These can be accessed via the SCDDSN Application Portal >Business Tools >Forms >HASCI Waiver.

When the action becomes effective, the participant's Support Plan must be updated. Budget information in the Waiver Tracking System (WTS) must be adjusted accordingly.

Service information in the Service Tracking System (STS) must be updated by the Waiver Case Manager as necessary.