

Dear Families/Care managers:

Welcome to the Family Reimbursement program with The Arc of Rensselaer County.

You will find an application link with this application.

1. Fill out the application and please include the items that would apply to your request. The eligibility form from OPWDD should be included.
2. The application will be review by a committee at the Arc but please remember they **do not** have the ability to approve or disapprove an application. The committee only **approves to send the application on to the Regional Office** of OPWDD to be reviewed. The Reginal Office of OPWDD are the individuals that make the decision if the request is approved or disapproved.
3. If the request is denied then you can appeal the decision and ask that the committee to reconsider and to approve to send the new application on to the Regional Office but again, they are the **office that makes the decision to approve or disapprove** an item or respite.

Please do not purchase an item until you hear from the Regional Office.

Thank You

*Cindy Case*

## OPWDD FSS FAMILY REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION

**\*Application must be filled out completely in order to be considered\***

1. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES:

1a. DATE OF BIRTH:

1b. TABS NO.:

1c. ADDRESS (Street/Town/Zip):

1d. COUNTY:

1e. NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE HOME:

2. NAME OF PARENT / RELATIVE / GUARDIAN:

2a. PARENT / GUARDIAN EMAIL:

2b. PARENT / GUARDIAN PHONE #:

3. CARE MANAGER'S NAME:

3a. CARE MANAGER'S ADDRESS (Street/City/Zip):

3b. CARE MANAGER'S EMAIL:

3c. CARE MANAGER'S PHONE #:

4. FISCAL INTERMEDIARY (If Applicable- Name/Agency/Phone/Email):

5. DIAGNOSIS – PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY PER OPWDD

☐ Intellectual Disability

☐ Traumatic Brain Injury – TBI

☐ Other

☐ Autism

☐ Cerebral Palsy

☐ Epilepsy (seizures)

☐ Neurological Impairment

6. WHAT IS THE ITEM (S) OR SERVICE REQUESTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT – PLEASE DESCRIBE:

*Please note - camp can only be reimbursed if the camp has a permit by the New York State Department of Health and/or Local Department of Health pursuant to Subpart 7 of the New York State Sanitary Code (see 10 NYCRR Subpart 7).*

### **TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED ON THIS APPLICATION:**

\* IS THIS ITEM/SERVICE AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS SITUATION AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GUIDELINES? Please check one:

YES ☐ NO ☐

7. HAVE YOU TRIED FOR FUNDING FROM PRIMARY MEDICAL INSURANCE, INCLUDING FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT OR OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS MEDICAID, MEDICARE, SELF DIRECTION, HCBS WAIVER – ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS OR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, ETC.

YES ☐ NO ☐ RESULTS

7a. WHAT SERVICES ARE YOU RECEIVING EITHER THROUGH THE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED (HCBS) WAIVER AND/OR OPWDD STATE PLAN SERVICES?

☐ RESPITE ☐ DAY HABILITATION ☐ LIVE-IN CAREGIVER ☐ PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES

☐ RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION ☐ SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT ☐ COMMUNITY TRANSITION SERVICES

☐ FISCAL INTERMEDIARY ☐ INDIVIDUAL DIRECTED GOODS AND SERVICES ☐ SUPPORT BROKERAGE

- ☐ ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY – ADAPTIVE DEVICES   ☐ COMMUNITY HABILITATION   ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS
- ☐ FAMILY EDUCATION & TRAINING   ☐ INTENSIVE BEHAVIORAL SERVICES   ☐ PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT
- ☐ VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS   ☐ CARE COORDINATION SERVICES   ☐ CRISIS SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
- ☐ ARTICLE 16 CLINIC

7b. IS ANYONE RESIDING IN YOUR HOME RECEIVING PAYMENT TO PROVIDE CARE TO THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH THE CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CDPAP) OR ANY OTHER FUNDING MECHANISM?

YES ☐ NO ☐

8. LIST ALL REIMBURSEMENT APPLIED FOR AND/OR RECEIVED THIS CONTRACT YEAR: (add a page if needed): This information **MUST** be reported. Please be advised that \$3,000 is the maximum total amount that may be reimbursed. If you have a large reimbursement request that exceeds an agency internal cap and you are submitting to multiple agencies for partial reimbursement, you must indicate this in the spaces below.

AGENCY	DATE	AMOUNT	APPROVED	DENIED	PENDING

**9. CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: (Please attach to this application)**

- ☐ Notice of Decision or other OPWDD Eligibility Document approved by DDRO (If current documentation is not on file with provider agency.)
- ☐ Signed application, receipts/invoice (photocopies and digital copies are acceptable), respite verification forms. (If receipt has been submitted to another agency for partial reimbursement, list what agency has the receipt.)
- ☐ Clinical justification / letter from physician or clinician if the request is for a clinical item / service
- ☐ If enrolled in Self-Direction, a copy of the most recent self-direction expense report or budget which verifies that Family Reimbursement is accounted for.
- ☐ If enrolled with a CCO, a copy of the most recent life plan with FSS family reimbursement properly documented.

**10. HOW DOES THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY RELATE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY? Please add a page or reply in the area below. Be specific and provide justification as appropriate.**

*In the event that a claim for goods or services is discovered to be fraudulent, the agency to which that reimbursement application was submitted is to be notified (if not the discovering entity) and will investigate the request in question and all documentation provided with the reimbursement request. In the event that the fraudulent claim is confirmed, the individual/family will be required to pay the amount reimbursed back to the agency (if the service/good was already reimbursed) and will be suspended from any future reimbursement for goods and services for a period of time determined by the agency and OPWDD. The recipient of the reimbursement may also be subject to legal actions as determined by the agency and OPWDD.*

*Families may submit requests for Reimbursement to the RO or a FSS Reimbursement provider agency at any time, depending upon which entity administers the reimbursement program in that region, using the form provided by the Family Reimbursement provider agency or obtained from the individual's Care Manager or Care Coordinator. Funds are available only on a contract year basis. Any authorized, but unused, reimbursements may not be carried over by a receiving family from one year to the next. For self-directing individuals, verification is made to ensure that the FSS program is included in the current budget. Inclusion of funding in the budget does not guarantee that the request will be approved. Reimbursement requests must be consistent with FSS guidelines. Applications may be submitted to any of the Family Reimbursement Program providers by individuals, families, case managers or advocates. Anything submitted more than 90 days after purchase/occurrence will be awarded per the discretion of the Reimbursement Program provider. Applications that are not filled out in full will be returned, and payment will be delayed.*

**\*I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THAT INFORMATION RELATED TO MY REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT MAY BE MUTUALLY SHARED WITH AND/OR RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN THE OPWDD REGION/DISTRICT:**

11. Print Name of Parent/Guardian signing form:

11a. Date Completed:

11b. Parent/Guardian Signature:

\* SIGNED APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED

12. If Submitted By Care Coordinator, Print Name:

12a. Name of Care Coordination Organization (CCO):

13. Date Submitted:



**Allowable Items:**

- Recreation Activity/Program/Equipment
  - Integrated, community-based activity fees/supplies
  - Instrumental and music lessons/fees (e.g., guitar lessons, piano lessons)
  - Braille bingo cards, playing cards and dominoes
  - Cooking classes (not resulting in certification)
  - Theatre classes/workshops
  - Museum membership
  - Art classes
  - Crafts
  - Gym membership
  - Fitness classes
  - Swim lessons
  - Sports lessons/fees (e.g., Soccer, Baseball, Golf, Bowling, Cheerleading)
- Recreation Activity/Program/Equipment, continued
  - Martial Arts lessons (e.g. Karate, Tae kwon do)
  - Dance/ballet lessons
  - Equine therapy/Hippo therapy/Horseback riding
- Sensory Items
  - Balance chair
  - Bean bag chair
  - Indoor swing
  - Mini trampoline (single user)
  - Climber
  - Fidget items/sensory toys
  - Shower head
  - Positioning cushion/wedge
  - Floor mats
  - Therapy tunnel
- Items/Services that are not covered or available through other means and are reviewed and approved by the committee
- Respite
- Camp (see section G of the ADM)
- Electronic devices (see section J of the ADM)
- Supplements approved by a clinician and outlined in the individual's treatment plan
- Legal fees related to guardianship and special needs trusts
- Clothing as a necessity or if there are specific needs related to the intellectual/ developmental disability (I/DD) (e.g., excessive chewing, destruction due to behavior or urination) as clinically indicated (i.e., included in the Life Plan or with other appropriate documentation requested by the DDRO); and
- Other items as deemed appropriate and reimbursable by the DDRO

## **Non-Allowable Items:**

### **Healthcare/Personal care:**

- Items covered by Medicaid or healthcare insurer, including incontinence items & prescription medications/medical supplies
- Diapers
- Bed protector
- Wipes
- Bibs
- Experimental treatments/therapies
- Dental activities
- Toothbrush
- Prescription eyeglasses
- Dermatology services
- Sedation
- Enemas
- Oral swabs, syringes
- Portable tub
- CBD or marijuana products
- Nutrisystem – weight loss program
- Personal training
- Life coach
- Exercise equipment (e.g.: elliptical machine, treadmill, free weights)

### **Household Expenses:**

- Appliances, large and small (e.g., washing machine, dryer, blender)
- Furniture
- Mattress
- Home repairs\*
- Rent/rental deposit\*
- Maintenance items\*
- Air conditioner
- Snowplow/snowplow services
- Video monitoring system
- Pool cover
- Water fountain
- Bento box, water bottle

### **Travel/Transportation:**

- Vehicles (e.g., cars, motorcycles)
- Car repairs
- Battery (for side-by-side bike)
- Car fuel
- Car seat
- Hotel/lodging, mileage and travel costs
- Conference expenses
- Bicycles/Tricycles/Scooters
- Taxi service/Uber or Lyft rides
- Stroller

### **Fiscal Expenses:**

- Real property (e.g., home or apartment related costs)\*
- Finance charges
- Tax bills
- Sales tax
- Shipping fees
- Co-pays
- Fines
- Funeral expenses

### **Duplicative Expenses/Otherwise Covered:**

- *Upgrades* to items/services covered by HCBS Waiver or other sources, including self-direction budgets (e.g., upgrading fencing materials, additional funding for a higher cost camp)
- Items/services related to/required for [Waiver based] day program participation/enrollment
- Items covered by other state paid benefits (e.g., free cell phone programs)
- Items covered by self-direction budget, *if* someone is self-directing services
- Equipment repair/replacement

**Non-Allowable Items, Continued:**

**Educational Based Services/Goods:**

- College courses/Certification programs
- Homeschool books
- Tutoring
- After-school programs
- Academic testing/retesting
- Items and services that an individual is eligible for in the context of their educational services (e.g., occupational therapy, physical therapy)
- ABC Mouse learning program/app

**Miscellaneous Items/Services:**

- Regular and ongoing subscription plans
- Cell phone purchase and cellular plans
- Data plans for iPad
- Headphones
- GPS Trackers/devices; video or audio monitoring devices
- Luxury items (e.g., swimming pools, hot tubs)
- Concert tickets
- Ski lessons/equipment rentals/lift pass
- Other items deemed not appropriate for reimbursement by the DDRO

**\*See section I (3) of the ADM for Allowable One-Time Reimbursements of these items/services**