

Flexible Community Services (FCS) Quick Reference Guide for Community Providers

Some older persons and persons with disabilities find themselves faced with the loss of continued health and safety and without personal or alternative community resources to secure needed assistance. Flexible Community Services provides limited assistance paying for medications, unforeseen bills, supplies and other items not covered by insurance. Funds are available through the local Aging and Disability Resource Network Partner.

Allowable Service Activities	Examples of Service Activities
Medical Care and Supplies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dentures 2. Eyeglasses 3. Hearing Aids 4. Health Screenings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical screening - Vision screening - Dental 5. Home Health Care and Aides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medication supervision - Dressing changes - Colostomy care - Therapeutic diet management - Education on medical equipment - Incontinence supplies - Pain management devices (i.e., Quell) 6. Medications 7. Medication Management Screening 8. Mental Health Screening 9. Other Types of Medical Care and Supplies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - i.e., Alternative therapies such as Reiki, massage, etc. if recommended by a medical professional
Environmental and Material Aids	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assistive technology purchase, education etc. 2. Chore/Housekeeping 3. Emergency Utility Assistance 4. Emergency Rent/Mortgage 5. Nutrition Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nutritional Supplements (i.e., Ensure) - Special diet HDMs for a specified timeframe (i.e., Mom’s Meals) - Specialized blenders for pureed diets (i.e., Vitamix) - Grocery delivery costs (not ongoing)

<p>Environmental and Material Aids (cont.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Housing Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relocation/moving costs - Specialized transportation to new housing as needed 7. Material Aids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food - Clothing - Furniture 8. Minor Household Modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ramps - Door Widening - Other household modifications 9. Minor Repairs and Weatherization (e.g. air conditioner, furnace, water heater work.) 10. Respite Care 11. Sanitation Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extermination services - Extensive cleaning of hoarding/squalor 12. Other Types of Environmental and Material Aids
<p>Community Access</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assisted Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arranging assisted transportation-ADA transport, escort assistance 2. Gas Cards 3. Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Transport to and from needed service or socialization events 4. Vehicle Adaption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hand controls -Scooter lift 5. Car repairs 6. Other Types of Community Access <p>* Transportation does not have to be limited to the county of residence.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other goods and services related to improving the client's health and well-being as approved by AgeGuide.

Unallowable purchases: Good/services covered by insurance or other programs; goods/services benefiting someone other than the client or primary caregiver; reimbursement of goods/services already purchased or incurred prior to the request, including medical bills; vacation expenses, property taxes, credit cards, passports, and other goods/services that do not meet the allowable criteria. Contact Megan at AgeGuide with questions: mwileman@ageguide.org or 630-785-2830.

Other Helpful Tips:

1. FCS funds can be used for persons aged 18-59 with disabilities and for persons aged 60 and older.
2. There are no financial requirements to obtain assistance through FCS funds, however, an evaluation of a person's financial situation is conducted to ensure that use of the funds is appropriate.
3. Persons must be living in the community, not in long term care, to receive assistance.
4. Funds can be combined with other resources to meet the need especially for large purchases.