



**Regional Center of Orange County**  
**Summary of Purchase of Service (POS) Guidelines**  
**as of March 1, 2017**

**Prenatal Diagnostic Evaluation**

Any Orange County resident who is at risk of parenting an infant with a developmental disability is eligible for RCOC funding for prenatal diagnostic evaluations provided that the individual is not eligible for assistance from generic or private resources. For more information on the types of pregnancies/anticipated pregnancies that would make an individual eligible for the funding of an evaluation, please refer to pages 4 and 5 of the POS Guidelines.

**Early Intervention Services**

Early Intervention Services consist of assessments and developmental services for infants from birth to age three, who are at risk for or have been identified as having a developmental disability. RCOC may fund for services that would assist a child in attaining appropriate developmental milestones. For more information on the eligibility criteria for Early Intervention Services, please refer to pages 6 through 9 of the POS Guidelines.

**Therapy Services**

Therapy services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and feeding therapy are provided to persons served to address significant deficits in the areas of fine motor skills, gross motor skills and language development. RCOC staff will assist families to identify needed services, provide appropriate referrals and assist in securing services through generic and private resources. For more information on the eligibility criteria for therapy services, please refer to pages 10 through 15 of the POS Guidelines.

**Respite Care Services**

Respite care is the provision of care to persons served in order to relieve families of the constant responsibility of caring for a family member with a developmental disability. Families are encouraged to use available natural supports such as extended family, neighbors and friends when available and to provide the same level of support for their children with developmental disabilities as they would for their children without disabilities. For more information on the eligibility criteria for respite care services, please refer to pages 16 through 20 of the POS Guidelines.

**Child Care Services**

Child care is defined as care and supervision for a child under the age of 18 when both parents or the single parent is employed outside of the home and/or the parent is enrolled in an educational or vocational training program. Families are encouraged to provide the same level of support for their children with developmental disabilities as they would for their children without disabilities. For children whose child care needs cannot be met by available family members, community, generic or alternative resources, RCOC may fund the portion of the cost of the child care services that exceeds the prevailing rate of providing day care services to a child without disabilities. For more information on the eligibility criteria for child care services, please refer to pages 21 through 24 of the POS Guidelines.

## **Adult Day Program**

Day programs assist adults who are no longer eligible for services from a local public education agency or other generic resource. Program options may include supported employment programs, activity centers, adult day care programs, adult development centers, behavior management programs and other programs funded by generic resources. For more information on the eligibility criteria for adult day programs, please refer to pages 25 through 26 of the POS Guidelines.

### **Support Services: Day Program**

Support services for day program consist of additional support staff that is temporarily provided to help maintain the person served in his/her existing day program. They may also be provided during a transitional period into a new day program. For more information on the eligibility criteria for adult day program support services, please refer to pages 27 through 29 of the POS Guidelines.

## **Transportation Services**

Transportation services enable a person served to be transported as independently as possible from his/her place of residence to and from the day program site. RCOC will work together with the person served, family and service provider to identify needed transportation services and secure available generic and private resources. For more information on the eligibility criteria for transportation services, please refer to pages 30 through 32 of the POS Guidelines.

## **Residential Services**

Residential services enable a person served to live in a setting other than his/her family's home. Residential options may include room and board, community care facilities, health care facilities, independent living and supported living. For more information on the eligibility criteria for residential services, please refer to pages 33 through 35 of the POS Guidelines.

### **Support Services: Residential**

Residential support services consist of additional support staff that is temporarily provided to help maintain the person served in his/her existing residential setting. They may also be provided during a transitional period into a new residential setting. For more information on the eligibility criteria for adult residential support services, please refer to pages 36 through 38 of the POS Guidelines.

## **Psychological, Counseling and Behavioral Services**

Psychological, counseling and behavioral services are provided by qualified professionals vendored by RCOC to assist the person served and/or family to effectively address issues related to the developmental disability of the person served. For more information on the eligibility criteria for psychological, counseling and behavioral services, please refer to pages 39 through 42 of the POS Guidelines.

### **Medical and Dental Services**

Medical and dental services are provided by licensed professionals to improve or maintain the health status of a person served. Routine medical and dental care should be provided by available community resources. Under certain conditions, RCOC may supplement or fund medical or dental care. For more information on the eligibility criteria for medical and dental services, please refer to pages 43 through 44 of the POS Guidelines.

### **Equipment and Supplies**

Equipment and supplies are defined as durable and nondurable medical equipment, including wheelchairs, walkers, and diapers, which are needed by the person served to address a specific developmental need. For more information on the eligibility criteria for equipment and supplies, please refer to pages 45 through 48 of the POS Guidelines.

### **Social and Recreational Services**

Social and recreational services provide the person served with the opportunity to develop their socialization skills. RCOC staff will provide persons served, families and service providers with information regarding available resources in the community. On an exception basis, RCOC may fund for these services if, for example, they are provided as part of respite services. For more information on the eligibility criteria for social and recreational services, please refer to pages 49 through 50 of the POS Guidelines.