NE Lifespan Respite Network

Crisis Respite Resource

Respite means the provision of short-term relief to primary caregivers from the demands of ongoing care for an individual with special needs. 464-NAC 1-007

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Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care

Crisis Respite Eligibility Criteria

1. Crisis Respite Funds may be used for crisis situations defined as an unforeseen circumstance or unplanned event that calls for immediate action or an urgent need for short-term assistance or relief to substitute for the Caregiver in the absence of any other funding source.
   a. An unplanned event that jeopardizes the health and safety of the frail or disabled child or adult (Care Recipient).
   b. An unplanned event that jeopardizes the health and safety of the Caregiver by placing the frail or disabled child or adult in danger (Care Recipient).
   c. An unplanned situation that prevents the caregiver from providing the care required by a frail or disabled child or adult living at home.
   d. Results in the immediate and unavoidable absence of the caregiver from the home in an excess of 4 hours at a time when a qualified caregiver is not available.

2. Lifespan Respite Programs must assist families by first identifying current respite funding streams in the State and assisting families in determining existing program eligibility.
   a. Families who do not qualify for any existing respite programs or services may have those services paid for by the Lifespan Respite Care Program. Priority is given to Caregivers with the greatest emotional, medical, or economic need.
   b. A maximum of $1,000 per family per calendar year allowed. Exceptions must be approved by DHHS Respite Program staff (unless payment for crisis respite is provided by funds not included in current subgrant).
   c. The actual amount funded is determined on a case by case basis in an effort to utilize the least amount of funds to cover the crisis.

3. Requests must be submitted to the local Respite Coordinator on DHHS approved “Crisis Respite Application”.
   a. Respite Coordinator records request outcome on application for program QA/QM purposes.