



expense can be requested during a crisis or a period of transition. Exceptions to support an ongoing need may also be granted. The Partnership for Hope waiver has additional caps on exceptions:

- A one-time expenditure of up to \$10,000 during crisis or transition. (This one-time expenditure does not count toward the annual waiver spending cap.)
- The annual spending cap of \$12,000 may be exceeded by \$3,000 annually on a case-by-case basis for on-going support needs.

Following are the steps to requesting and approving exceptions to the cost caps for the Support and Autism waivers:

1. The support coordinator will revise the Individual Support Plan, after consultation with the individual and the planning team.
2. The plan is submitted for Utilization Review.
3. After approval of the Utilization Review Committee, the Regional Director and DD Deputy/Assistant Director approves.

Exceptions to the caps of the Partnership for Hope waiver are granted as follows:

1. The support coordinator will revise the Individual Support Plan, after consultation with the individual and the planning team.
2. The request for the exception is mutually approved by the County Board Director, Regional Director and DD Deputy/Assistant Director.

All five Home and Community-Based Waivers for individuals with developmental disabilities cover environmental accessibility adaptations and specialized medical equipment and supplies, and Assistive Technology subject to limits:

Comprehensive, Support, Autism and Partnership for Hope waivers: \$7500 per year, per individual, for each of the two types of services. The annual limit corresponds to the waiver years:

Comprehensive, Support and Autism: July 1 through June 30

Partnership for Hope: October 1 through September 30

Assistive technology: \$3,000 per year, per individual for Assistive Technology. The annual limit corresponds to the waiver years:

Comprehensive, Support and Autism: July 1 through June 30

Partnership for Hope and MOCDDS: October 1 through September 30

If an individual's need cannot be met within the limit, an exception may be approved by the Regional Director and DD Deputy/Assistant Director to exceed the limit if this will result in a decreased need of one or more other services.

Waiver for Children with Developmental Disabilities (a.k.a. Lopez Waiver or MOCDD): The cap is \$5,000 per year, per individual, for each of the two types of services through September 30, 2013. Effective October 1, 2013, the cap will be \$7500. The waiver year is October 1 through September 30.

If an individual's need cannot be met within the limit, an exception may be approved by the Regional Director and DD Deputy/Assistant Director to exceed the limit if this will result in a decreased need of one or more other services.

*This guideline will be reviewed and updated annually, if needed.*