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Comprehensive, Community Support and Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Home and Community Based Waivers: Policy for the In-Home Respite Service

The Division of Developmental Disabilities established policy regarding the In-Home Respite service. The service definition and provider requirements did not change as defined in the Medicaid Waiver Application. The following information will be added to the Developmental Disabilities Waivers Manual as additional clarification.

The respite care worker must provide supervision of the participant for the duration of the service period, however, sleeping is permitted only when the participant is asleep and only when the service is occurring in the individual's own home. Whether the staff can or cannot sleep during Respite in an individual's home must be documented in the ISP, specifically documenting the level of care the individual needs and if the individual is at risk for elopement or medical issues that require awake staff and specified monitoring. The worker must be in close proximity to the participant during sleep periods, although not necessarily in the same room.