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## Coverage of Social and Recreational Skill Training

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### Policy Clarified

This information clarifies when Wisconsin Medicaid covers individual and group social and recreational skill training.

### When Wisconsin Medicaid Covers Individual or Group Social and Recreational Skill Training

Under HSS 107.13 (6) 5.b, Wis. Admin. Code, Wisconsin Medicaid may cover social and recreational skill training. Skill training is an individual intervention in a group setting, or group skill training. Social and recreational skill training is a clearly defined and focused intervention to *address specific deficits* in an individual's functioning.

Wisconsin Medicaid covers social and recreational skill training for individuals or groups *only* when the following conditions are met:

- ✓ Qualified community support program (CSP) staff must identify the specific deficits through in-depth or subsequent assessments. The assessment may include CSP staff accompanying

individuals to social and recreational events.

- ✓ Once CSP staff complete the assessment, they must identify specific skill training interventions to address the deficits and document them in the treatment plan. The specific skill training interventions may include CSP staff accompanying individuals to social and recreational events.
- ✓ Only interventions identified on the treatment plan are reimbursable.
- ✓ In group training, each individual in the group has similar social and recreational skill training needs that can be addressed in a group setting.

### When CSP Staff Time Is Not Reimbursed for Individual and Group Skill Training

Wisconsin Medicaid does not reimburse for time CSP staff remain in social or recreational settings with recipients when they are not actively working with the recipient to achieve the goals identified in the treatment plan.