

Overnight respite care for members with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Summary of change: As of August 1, 2018, any new authorizations for overnight respite care for members with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD), HCPCS code H0045, will now reflect an allotment of 60 units within a 12-month time period. Previously, the allotment reflected five units within a one-month period. Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. made this change to avoid monthly limitations and to reduce amendment requests that are submitted when service needs exceed monthly limits.

Example of update

Prior to August 1, 2018 — Authorizations were presented in recurring monthly periods with five units allotted each month.

Service	Start	End	Total units/amount
IDD — overnight respite	03/01/2018	03/31/2018	5

After August 1, 2018 — Authorizations are now presented in 12-month segments with 60 units allotted annually.

Service	Start	End	Total units/amount
IDD — overnight respite	08/01/2018	08/31/2019	60

Service definition: Overnight respite care for members with an IDD is designed to provide relief for the family member or other unpaid primary caregiver. Respite is necessary so that caregivers can receive a period of relief for vacations, holidays and scheduled periods of time off. Overnight respite care is provided in planned segments and includes payment during the member's sleep time. A maximum of 60 nights of overnight respite care is allowed annually.

What if I need assistance?

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