Social Recreation Services

San Andreas Regional Center

Checklist to Purchase Services

Is there a need for the service?

Does the need fit the policy?

Is the need of the person documented in the Individualized Program Plan?

How will the service be delivered?

Have generic services been exhausted?

Regional Centers are payors of last resort.

Regional Centers must ensure services are reflective of the need for the individual and reflective of the purchase of service policy.

The IPP must document the service agreement.

W&I Code Section 4688.22(a)(2)

“As such, it is the intent of the Legislature for social recreation services, camping services, and nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music, be made widely available to individuals, not only for socialization, but to lead the lives they want in the community.”

Therefore, when considering funding social recreation, camping and nonmedical therapies, regional centers must not apply nor include in purchase of service (POS) policies, the requirement that services meet both a recreation and socialization need. While a 1:1 service may not directly provide socialization, it could support the acquisition of skills that would promote community inclusion and socialization opportunities. To this end, regional centers shall not prohibit the purchase of 1:1 services to include private lessons.”

POS Policy: Social Recreation

The Regional Center recognizes that access to social and recreational programs can improve confidence, encourage independence, increase emotional connections, and improve health. SARC encourages access to social/ recreational activities that can help an individual achieve these and other benefits.

POS Policy: Social Recreation

Purchase of Service Standard:

The individual program plan (IPP) team shall identify age-appropriate social activities. Social recreation activities and non-medical therapies may occur up to 6 hours total per week but is based on the frequency and quantity of services assessed and determined to be needed by the IPP team. These services shall not replaced or be used for day care, respite, or in lieu of natural support. Requests for supplemental services for example but not limited to, 1:1 staffing shall be evaluated in an expeditious manner in order to facilitate the person's access to the community.

Determining Hours

6 hours per week (average)

Based on the individual person's needs and goals.

Up to 6 hours a week.

Can be utilized on an average – i.e. can go to summer camp

Based on the need of the person, not a preference or want.

I.e. Concerts, amusement parks, vacations (wants = not allowable)

POS Policy: Summarized

Up to 6 hours per week	Age-appropriate activities	Determined by team agreement
Must be in the IPP	Cannot replace other services (day care, respite, natural support)	1:1 services (another service) can be considered for access

1:1 Staffing

1:1 staffing can be considered to help someone engage in the community.

Staff supports are able to be considered if someone needs prompting for safety or engagement purposes, for example, in order to purposefully engage in social recreation (personal assistant).

1:1 may also be considered and reviewed to help someone in the beginning with a future goal of interacting with others independently.

Staff supports for ***preference*** (i.e. personal trainers) may not be appropriate considerations of 1:1 supports as it does not relate to purpose of social recreation or community integration.

Community Based

Social Recreation Services are a community-based service.

Services should be in the general community with access to individuals with or without disabilities for the person to engage with.

The individual needs the ability or option to be able to engage with others as a part of the service of social recreation.

LOCAL – **Services must be provided in California**. Cannot fund out of State.

Services are not provided for private instruction inside a home or private setting.

How does it work?

1) Individual finds an activity and provides a cost estimate to their Service Coordinator.

2) Team reviews the service and approves or declines services.

3) When approved, the individual chooses their service model.

4) Service coordinator to assist with next steps to fund service, depending how the person chose to receive services.

Options with Social Recreation

024 (Reimbursement)

459 (FMS)

Or Vendored Agencies

The Options

024 – Reimbursement model

You pay for your service, submit receipt, get reimbursed.

459 – Prepayment (FMS) model

You submit a tentative invoice and FMS pays in advance.

Vendored Agency Referrals

The Service Coordinator submits referrals to agencies.

024 Model - Reimbursement

Always have the service approved with the planning team before purchasing!

1) Individual completes a vendor packet with Regional Center.
    1) Remember to set up the e-billing portal for easier payments! ☺
2) Individual pays for their pre-approved service.
3) Receipt goes to Service Coordinator (including name of person, cost of service per hour, and the date(s) of activities.
4) Service Coordinator will submit a POS for reimbursement.

Checks are reviewed and sent once a month at the end of the month.

459 FMS Model - Prepayments

Always have the service approved with the planning team before purchasing!

1) Service Coordinator submits a referral to an FMS agency (a bank) who services as an intermediary to pay for your approved services. The FMS will work with the individual to onboard with their agency and will do an intake.
2) Individual to inform Service Coordinator in advance of their activity for approval (what it is, cost, amount of sessions) and documents of this.
3) When approved, the information on the service goes to the FMS agency to pay for it in advance.
4) Agency pays for the service.

This model must be done in advance. Estimate 5 weeks for processing.

Vendored Model - Referrals

1) Individual inquires about social recreation from Service Coordinator.
2) Service Coordinator can submit referrals to agencies that vendor with SARC.

Funds do not exchange hands.

Limited paperwork is required.

Dependent on available providers.

The Options

	024 Reimbursement	459 FMS pays in Advance	Vendored Agencies
Requires being vendored with Regional Center			✓
You pay out of pocket (reimbursed)	✓		
Agency Pays		✓	✓
Can use outside providers	✓	✓	
Time to Service	Immediate for Activity Approx 1 month for return payment	About 5 weeks	Dependent on availability

General Considerations

Ensuring the request is appropriate to the policy and the person.

Ensuring the request is documented in the IPP.

Ensuring generic resources were exhausted.

Ensuring additional supports are considered for purposes of engagement or safety.

Reviewing the structure and benefits of each model of social recreation services (FMS, Agency, reimbursement).

Reminder that services should be agreed upon before purchasing to ensure that they will be funded.

Questions ?

Internally:

Consult Management or Direct Supervisor

For Community Questions:

Contact your Service Coordinator (or)

Utilize the “Contact Us” Page on the SARC website:

https://www.sanandreasregional.org/contact-us/