DHCS ACTIVITY FUNDS

Examples of Allowable Activities and Items

Note: These are example activities and items allowable under Activity Funds. Licensed Mental Health Professionals, as outlined in BHIN 26-036, are responsible for assessing eligible members, identifying appropriate services and/or items based on clinical need, and documenting clinical need and the recommendation for Activity Funds in the member's clinical record.

Physical Wellness and Healthy Lifestyle Activities

Category	Examples
Team Sports Fees	» Soccer, volleyball, football, lacrosse, etc. club fees
Equipment for Activities	» Bicycles » Scooters » Roller skates » Safety gear (helmets, pads) » Sports equipment (racquets, gloves, cleats, shoes) » Running shoes » Uniforms
Activity or Class Fees	» Gym memberships (including youth fitness programs) » Gym and fitness classes » Yoga classes » Martial arts classes » Dance classes » Gymnastic classes » Swimming lessons » Meditation classes » Bowling fees/classes

Category	Examples
	» Horseback riding fees/lessons » Trampoline / climbing park fees
Gym/Club Memberships	» For weight training, fitness classes, aerobic exercise, etc.
Camp	» Team and individual sports camps » Dance camps

Strengths Developing Activities

Category	Examples
Class or course fees	» Choir or group music programs » Theater/acting classes » Pottery or ceramics workshops » Creative writing workshops/courses
Equipment for Class or Activities	» Art supplies (paint, brushes, canvas, etc.) » Music supplies (instruments, sheet music, etc.) » Camera and equipment
Camp	» Music camp » Choir camp » Theater camp » Cooking camp » Photography camp » Art camp » STEM camp » Chess camp
Lessons for Skill Building	» Music lessons » Vocal lessons

Category	Examples
	» Acting lessons » Photography lessons » Cooking lessons
Membership Fees Related to Skill Building	» Pottery studio fees » Photography studio fees

Examples of Non-allowable Activities and Items

Note: Activity Funds are not allowed for the activities and items listed below. This is not an exhaustive list. Activities and items must meet the standards outlined in BHIN 26-036, Section B.

Category	Examples
Items used solely for recreational or entertainment purposes	» Amusement park/concert tickets » Movie tickets » Spectator sports » Streaming services (e.g. gaming services, Netflix subscriptions)
Items that are non-transportable (i.e., items that cannot relocate with the child or youth)	» Construction or building improvements » Permanent basketball hoop » Pools » Permanent fixtures for the home
Electronics or computer-related hardware	» Laptops » Tablets » Portable monitors » Mobile phones

Additional non-allowable criteria listed in the BHIN:

- Tobacco or alcoholic products;
- Items of the same type for the same member, unless there is a documented change in the member's needs that warrant replacement;
- Activities that are illegal or otherwise prohibited by federal or state regulations;
- Activities that duplicate what is available to an individual under the Medicaid State Plan

DHCS and its third-party administrator (TPA) will review requested activities and items against the market rate for similar activities and items. In the event that a request is determined to be significantly higher than the market rate, the TPA will contact the member and/or their care team to find an appropriately priced alternative.