

# EFFECTIVE DATES FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS POLICY GUIDE UPDATES

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## Updated Community Supports Policy Guide

In April 2025, DHCS released an updated Community Supports Policy Guide, which has been reorganized into two separate volumes and is available on the [Community Supports webpage](#). DHCS is publishing the below table to indicate the effective dates for the updated policies and service definitions.

**Table 1: Effective Dates for Community Supports Updates**

Updated Policy / Service Definitions		Location	Effective Date
<b>Global cap on coverage of Room and Board services</b>		<b>Volume 2</b> (pp. 13-15)	1/1/2025
<b>Recuperative Care</b>	<i>Updates to service duration and frequency</i>	<b>Volume 2</b> (p. 49)	1/1/2025
	<i>All other updates <u>except</u> the service duration/frequency</i>	<b>Volume 2</b> (pp. 48-51)	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing</b>	<i>Updates to service duration and frequency</i>	<b>Volume 2</b> (p. 54)	1/1/2025
	<i>All other updates <u>except</u> the service duration/frequency</i>	<b>Volume 2</b> (pp. 52-56)	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Assisted Living Facility Transitions</b>		<b>Volume 1</b> (pp. 13-18)	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Community or Home Transition Services</b>		<b>Volume 1</b> (pp. 19-24)	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Personal Care and Homemaker Services</b>		<b>Volume 1</b> (pp. 25-27)	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Medically Tailored Meals/Medically Supportive Foods</b>		<b>Volume 1</b> (pp. 32-38)	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>

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<b>Asthma Remediation</b>	<i>Updates to eligibility and service list</i>	<b>Volume 1</b> (pp. 42-47)	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>
	<i>In-home trigger assessments and asthma self-management education can only be provided via the APS benefit</i>	<b>Volume 1</b> (pp. 42-47)	1/1/2026
<b>Housing Transition Navigation Services</b>		<b>Volume 2</b> (pp. 25-30)	1/1/2026
<b>Housing Deposits</b>		<b>Volume 2</b> (pp. 31-36)	1/1/2026
<b>Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services</b>		<b>Volume 2</b> (pp. 37-42)	1/1/2026
<b>*NEW* Transitional Rent</b>		<b>Volume 2</b> (pp. 57-80)	<b>7/1/2025</b> for MCPs that elect to launch at this time  <b>1/1/26</b> for all MCPs for the Behavioral Health Populations of Focus (POF) (and any other populations the MCP has elected to cover)

<sup>1</sup> While the service definition updates go into effect on 7/1/2025, MCPs will have until 1/1/2026 to make updates to their policies and procedures in their Models of Care.