	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Subject	Community Supports	*Policy #* 2.3
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To describe and identify community supports that may be available to eligible applicants.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Applicant:** a person who applies for AccessAbility Supports (AAS), on whose behalf an application is made, or a person who receives AAS.

2.2 **Capability Assessment:** a systematic process for determining strengths and identifying potential support needs for applicants with a disability.

2.3 **Collaborative Action Plans (CAPs):** a tool to assist assessors to systematically interpret all the information recorded on an instrument. CAPs are not intended to automate care planning; rather, they help the clinician focus on key issues identified during the assessment process, so that decisions as to whether and how to intervene can be explored with the individual.

2.4 **Natural Supports:** the relationships that occur in everyday life, which usually involve family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors and acquaintances. They may also include basic community resources.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 Community Supports provides funding to applicants with disabilities, to purchase supports and services to support inclusion in their community. They are designed to assist with participation in the community and to develop personal competence to access community services and supports

3.3 Community Supports are intended to supplement the natural supports that an applicant receives from their family/personal supports, and through other government and community resources.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENT

4.1 The capability assessment will identify the applicant's strengths and potential support needs. The results of the capability assessment will produce CAPs and will determine the funding amounts that are available to develop a support plan.

4.2   The AAS Coordinator will work with the applicant to develop an individualized support plan based on the CAPs produced by the assessment, the applicant's identified needs, and the parameters of AAS.

4.3   Support options offered within Community Supports are listed below. More information on each of these support options may be found in the AAS Funded Supports Appendix.

- Community/Peer Connection;

- Peer Supports;

- Employment/Vocational Supports;

- Community Participation.

5.0   REFERENCES

5.1   AAS Funded Supports Appendix

HISTORY: