

Group size

Some service codes require that you indicate the group size with each claim. "Group size" means the number of individuals who are sharing services, regardless of the funding source for those services.¹ An individual can count in your group size even when you are not being paid to provide services. Here are a few scenarios to illustrate the meaning of group size.

1. You are providing homemaker/personal care to two individuals. One individual is on a Level 1 waiver and the other is on an Individual Options waiver. You would bill for both individuals using group size two.
2. You are providing non-medical transportation to three individuals. A volunteer is riding along with you. You would bill for all three individuals with a group size of three, as you are not providing services to the volunteer.
3. You are providing homemaker/personal care to one individual. You take him to an outing where other individuals with developmental disabilities are present. The organizers of the event ask you to help supervise four other individuals, although you are not required to provide services.

There are two issues here. The first is the group size. Your group size in this case would be five, because by supervising the other four individuals, you are splitting your attention five ways, even though you are not directly providing services to the other four individuals, and are not billing for them.

There is a more important issue, however. If the individual's ISP requires that your client is to receive only 1:1 services, you should not be providing services to other individuals at the same time. You should decline the request to help supervise the other four individuals.