

EAA Service Definition

Those physical adaptations, required by the recipient's plan of care, which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the individual, or which enable the individual to function with greater independence in the community and without which the recipient would require institutionalization. Such adaptations may include the installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, or installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems which are necessary to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies which are necessary for the welfare of the recipient, but shall exclude adaptations or improvements to the home which are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the waiver individual, such as carpeting, roof repair, central air conditioning, etc. Adaptations that add to the total square footage of the home are excluded from this benefit except when necessary to complete an adaptation. Adaptations may be approved for living arrangements (houses, apartments, etc.) where the individual lives, owned or leased by the individual their family or legal guardian. These modifications can be to the individual's home or vehicle.

The following vehicle adaptations are specifically excluded in the waiver: adaptations or improvements to the vehicle that are of a general utility, and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual; purchase or lease of a vehicle; and regularly scheduled upkeep and maintenance of a vehicle except upkeep and maintenance of the modification.

All adaptations must be recommended by an Occupational or Physical Therapist. Plans for installations should be coordinated with the therapist to ensure adaptations will meet the needs of the individual as per the recommendation. All services shall be provided in accordance with applicable State or local building codes.

Contractors: Must have applicable business license and meet applicable building codes (and) DMH Contract