

Community Pathways Waiver – Current Services

Service Type: Other Service

Service (Name):

Alternative Service Title: **VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS**

HCBS Taxonomy:

Check as applicable

☐ Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.

☐ Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.

☒ Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition:

- A. The Department shall reimburse for vehicle modification services that enable the participant to achieve employment goals and to live successfully in the community when other options are not otherwise available from natural supports, the community, or covered by the Program. Services shall help support increased individual independence.
- B. Services must be needed to achieve the goal established on an approved IP.
- C. Vehicle modifications may include:
 - (1) Assessment services to (a) help determine specific needs as a driver or passenger, (b) review modification options, and (c) develop a prescription for required modifications of a vehicle.
 - (2) Assistance with modifications to be purchased and installed in a vehicle owned by or a new vehicle purchased by the participant, or legally responsible parent of a minor or other as approved by DDA.
- C. With the purchase of a vehicle with pre-installed modifications, the participant or legally responsible individual is responsible to determine that the modifications are in good working order and meet established needs through practical hands-on assessment of the modifications prior to purchase.
- D. All vehicle modifications purchases must be pre-approved in writing by the DDA. The program will not reimburse for modifications not preauthorized.

- E. A prescription for vehicle modifications applies only to the year/make/model of the vehicle specified on the Vehicle Equipment and Adaptation Prescription Agreement (VEAPA). If there is a change in the year/make/model of the vehicle to be modified, the VEAPA must be reviewed and amended as necessary by staff completing the original assessment/prescription.
- F. The vehicle owner is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle.
- G. The vehicle owner shall purchase insurance on vehicle modifications. The program will not correct or replace vehicle modifications provided under the program that have been damaged or destroyed in an accident.
- H. Driver of the vehicle must have a valid driver's license.
- I. Program participant without a valid driver's license or MVA approval, require a determination by a rehabilitation professional prior to purchase of modifications.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

- A. These services shall be reimbursed only if:
 - 1. Preauthorized by the DDA, and
 - 2. Approved in the Individual Plan based on appropriate assessment and professional recommendations and when not otherwise available under the individual's private health insurance (if applicable), the Medicaid State Plan, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) or through other resources, including services available to an individual under a program funded through section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or section 602(16) and (17) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401(16 and 17)).
- B. The following are not covered:
 - 1. Services that are of the same type, duration and frequency as other services to which the participant is entitled under the participant's private health insurance, the Medicaid State Plan, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) or through other resources, including programs funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, §110, or Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
 - 2. Services which are not part of a waiver participant's IP; and
 - 3. Services, equipment, items or devices that are experimental or prohibited treatments by the State or federal authorities including the Health Occupations Licensing Boards and the Federal Drug Administration.

- C. The provider is not entitled to reimbursement from the Program unless:
 - 1. The waiver participant meets all waiver eligibility criteria at time of service delivery.
 - 2. The provider meets service reporting and invoicing requirements.
- D. If the Program denies payment or requests repayment on the basis that an otherwise covered service was not programmatically necessary, the provider may not seek payment for that service from the participant.
- E. Services are provided to an individual no more frequently than once every seven years, unless an exception is approved by the DDA.
- F. Vehicle modifications are only authorized to vehicles meeting safety standards once modified.
- G. Modifications to a vehicle other than a standard sedan, van or minivan require formal vehicle modification assessment and prior approval of the DDA.
- H. A vehicle modification assessment and/or a driving assessment will be required when not recently conducted by DORS.
- I. Vehicle modifications only include the vehicle modification assessment and cost associated with the modifications. Vehicle modifications does not include the purchase of new or used vehicles, general vehicle maintenance or repair, State inspections, insurance, gasoline, fines, tickets, or the purchase of warranties.
- J. All vehicle modification purchases must be pre-approved in writing by the DDA. The program will not reimburse for modifications not preauthorized.
- K. The Program cannot provide assistance with modifications on vehicles not owned by the participant or their family. This includes leased vehicles.
- L. Environment and vehicle modifications payment rates for services must be reasonable, customary, and necessary not to exceed \$17,500 combined over an individual's lifespan unless authorized by DDA.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

☒ Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E

☒ Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

_____ Legally Responsible Person

_____ Relative

_____ Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider as per COMAR 10.22.20
Agency	Agency – DORS approved vendor

Provider Specifications for Services

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider as per COMAR 10.22.20

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

License (specify):

Licensed Family and Individual Support Services provider as per COMAR 10.22.02 and 10.22.06

Certificate (specify):

DDA certified Organized Health Care Delivery Providers per COMAR 10.22.20

Other Standard (specify):

A. DORS approved vendor

B. Vehicle Modifications provider must:

1. Ensure that the work meets vehicle modification standards and passes all required inspections.
2. Be properly licensed or certified by the State to provide the service being rendered;
3. Be bonded as is legally required;
4. Perform all work in accordance with State and local codes.
5. Provide services according to a written Vehicle Equipment and Adaptation Prescription Agreement (VEAPA) and schedule indicating an estimated start date and completion date.

Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Responsible for Verification:

OHCQ for license
DDA for OHCDS certification
DORS for DORS approved vendor
FMS for participants self-directing services

Frequency of Verification:

License - annual
OHCDS certification - initial
DORS - initial
FMS – per service

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: DORS approved vendor

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

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Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

DDA and DORS

FMS for participants self-directing

Frequency of Verification:

DDA - Annual for DORS approval

DORS - initial

FMS - per service request