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- k. The total cost of home accessibility adaptations, vehicle modifications, and assistive technology shall not exceed ten thousand (10,000) dollars over the five (5) year life of the HCBS-CES waiver without an exception granted by the Department. Costs that exceed this limitation may be approved for services, items or devices to ensure the health and safety of the client or that enable the client to function with greater independence in the home, or decrease the need for paid assistance in another HCBS-CES waiver service on a long-term basis. Requests for an exception shall be prior authorized in accordance with the Department's procedures and the Department shall respond to exception requests within thirty (30) days of receipt.
 3. Community connector services are intended to provide assistance to the client to enable the client to integrate into the client's residential community and access naturally occurring resources. Community connector services shall:
 - a. Support the abilities and skills necessary to enable the client to access typical activities and functions of community life such as those chosen by the general population.
 - b. Utilize the community as a learning environment to assist the client to build relationships and natural supports in the client's residential community.
 - c. Be provided to a single client in a variety of settings in which clients interact with individuals without disabilities, and
 - d. The cost of admission to professional or minor league sporting events, movies, theater, concert tickets or any activity that is entertainment in nature or any food or drink items are specifically excluded under the HCBS-CES waiver and shall not be reimbursed.
 4. Home accessibility adaptations are physical adaptations to the primary residence of the client, that are necessary to ensure the health and safety of the client or that enable the client to function with greater independence in the home. All adaptations shall be the most cost-effective means to meet the identified need. Such adaptations include:
 - a. The installation of ramps,
 - b. Widening or modification of doorways,
 - c. Modification of bathroom facilities to allow accessibility, and assist with needs in activities of daily living.
 - d. The installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems that are necessary to accommodate the medical equipment or supplies that are necessary for the health and safety of the client, and
 - e. Safety enhancing supports such as basic fences or basic door and window alarms;
 - f. The following items are specifically excluded from home accessibility adaptations and shall not be reimbursed:
 - i. Adaptations or improvements to the home that are considered to be on-going homeowner maintenance and are not related to the client's disability,

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- ii. Carpeting,
 - iii. Roof repair,
 - iv. Central air conditioning,
 - v. Air duct cleaning,
 - vi. Whole house humidifiers,
 - vii. Whole house air purifiers,
 - viii. Installation and repair of driveways and sidewalks,
 - ix. Monthly or ongoing home security monitoring fees,
 - x. Home furnishings of any type,
 - xi. Adaptations to rental units when the adaptation is not portable and cannot move with the renter, and
 - xii. Luxury upgrades.
- g. Adaptations that add to the total square footage of the home are excluded from this benefit except when necessary to complete an adaptation to:
- i. Improve entrance or egress to a residence; or,
 - ii. Configure a bathroom to accommodate a wheelchair.
- h. Any request to add square footage to the home shall be prior authorized in accordance with the Department's procedures.
- i. All devices and adaptations shall be provided in accordance with applicable state or local building codes and applicable standards of manufacturing, design and installation. Medicaid State Plan, EPSDT or third-party resources shall be utilized prior to authorization of HCBS-CES waiver services.
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5. Homemaker services are provided in the client's home and are allowed when the client's disability creates a higher volume of household tasks or requires that household tasks are performed with greater frequency. There are two types of Homemaker Services:
- a. Basic homemaker services includes cleaning, completing laundry, completing basic household care or maintenance within the client's primary residence only in the areas where the client frequents.