



Colorado Health First Home Modification Assessment Training November 17, 2022



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HCPF, DOH and DORA: Who Does What?

Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

- Rules/Policy
- Payment (3rd Agent) and Payment Adjustments
- Oversight of Case Management Agencies (CMAs)
- Consultation and Oversight of Appeals with CMAs
- Provider Enrollment/Termination
- Program Integrity
- Review of Vehicle Mod and AT requests

Department of Local Affairs/Division of Housing (DOLA/DOH)

- Administers home modification program with direction from HCPF
- Ensures compliance of home modification rule/policy

Department of Regulatory Agencies

- Oversees licensures of Professional Therapists



What is the role of the OT/PT or other qualified individual?

....to determine, based on your professional opinion, what the individual needs in order to remain in their home as it relates to their disability.



Home Modification Evaluations

- Completed by Occupational Therapist/ Physical Therapist or HCPF approved qualified individual
- Evaluations must be completed on the [DOH/HCPF evaluation form](#)
- Recommendations must be based on the member's individual needs and **not** based on the member's "wants" and/or a contractor's opinion and/or for the convenience of caregivers/others
- Evaluations need to be completed in the home that is to be modified (virtual evaluations may be an option)



What do you need to remember?

- Compliance with codes or determining the structural feasibility of a home mod is the responsibility of the contractor
- Avoid using language like – “build to code”, “per the contractor’s recommendation”, “the client/family/caregiver wants”
- Home mod recommendations should be made with no regards to funding or whether or not the recommendation will be approved – this is the responsibility of DOH and/or HCPF
- Remember to provide dimensions instead of “client needs a larger shower”



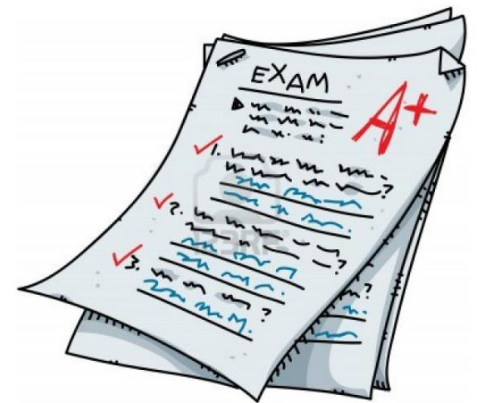
QUIZ: Home Mod Evaluations

True or False: Home mod recommendations are based on the contractor's evaluation?

False – The OT/PT or qualified professional makes the recommendation for a home mod.

True or False: Code compliance is the responsibility of the OT/PT or qualified individual?

False – Contractor's are responsible to ensure code compliance



Overview of the Colorado Health First Modification Evaluation Form

This form was designed to aide the OT/PT or other professional in providing details that are needed in order for DOH/HCPF to approve a recommendation, per Medicaid Rule.



Section A: Member Information

Please remember to provide information about the individual's height and weight.

Questions 1 – 8: Please answer these questions and provide as much information as you can.

This information is very helpful in assisting DOH and HCPH in determining whether or not to approve going over the cap.

Use of Assistive Devices - Please be sure to complete this section, if applicable.



Section B & C: Egress

One primary egress and if needed, one emergency egress

Construction details or compliance with code are the responsibility of the contractor

If EZ Steps are being recommended, please provide dimensions. EZ steps are specific to the individual

Don't forget about the accessible route to/from the ramp, EZ steps or VPL



Section D: Ceiling Track System

Address the need for a ceiling track system

Section E: Interior Steps

Why is access needed to the upstairs, basement, etc?

If more than one straight stair glide is being recommended, will the member be able to transfer from one lift to the other?



Section F: Accessible Bathroom

Please remember that only one bathroom can be addressed.

If a larger shower is being recommended, why and what are the dimensions?

If a wheelchair accessible sink is needed, what are the dimensions for clearance?

If a taller sink is needed, what height is needed?

If a walk in tub is being recommended, please remember to review questions with the client



Section G: Widening Doors

Will a “swing” type door work for the client?

What is the new CLEAR width of the door opening?

Section H: Flooring

What is the reason for the new flooring as it relates to the individual's disability?



Section I: Behavioral Needs Assessment

What interventions have been tried? Why were these interventions not successful?

What is the reason for the modification as it relates to the individual's disability?

Section J: Other

Please remember that the same amount of detail is needed for “other” recommendations not already noted in the evaluation



Section K: Signature Page

Listing the home modifications in order of necessity will assist DOH in determining how to apply funding

Please provide your contact information

Please remember that the home modification recommendations will need to be reviewed and approved by DOH/HCPF.



HB18-1267 Tax Credit for Home Mods

This bill allows taxpayers to claim a state income tax credit for up to \$5000 of qualified costs incurred while retrofitting their residence for the purpose of improving accessibility, increasing visit-ability, or allowing qualified individuals to age in place. The credit is available for tax years 2019-2023.

Available to homeowners and renters

This is not a Medicaid funded program or a grant or a loan program

Qualified individual – state income taxpayer with a disability, illness or impairment or a spouse/dependent with a disability, illness or impairment whose primary residence will be retrofitted and has a qualifying annual family income



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