

Vehicle Modification Benefit Overview

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What is a Vehicle Modification?

- Vehicle Modifications are available to members on the Children's Extensive Support Waiver (CES) and the Supported Living Services Waiver (SLS)
- Vehicle Modifications means adaptations to a vehicle that:
 - Is the member's primary means of transportation
 - Accommodates the needs of the member, as a result of the member's disability, and shall not be approved if the need is a typical age-related need
 - Are necessary to enable the member to integrate more fully into the community and to ensure the health and safety of the member



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Vehicle Modification Inclusions

- Most common types of vehicle modifications
 - Ramps (side or rear entry)
 - Rotating transfer car seat for smaller children
 - Rotating transfer seat for adults
- The benefit can also cover maintenance and repair to previously completed modifications



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Vehicle Modification Exclusions

- Adaptations or improvements to the vehicle that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the member
- Purchase or lease of a vehicle
- Typical and regularly scheduled upkeep and maintenance of a vehicle
- Previously completed vehicle modifications cannot be reimbursed



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Vehicle Modification Process

- If there is an accessibility or safety need for a vehicle modification for a member, the first step is to reach out to the Case Manager (CM) or Case Management Agency (CMA).
- The CM will work with the member to schedule an evaluation with an Occupational or Physical Therapist to determine what the accessibility or safety needs are.
- The CM will then send out the evaluation to companies in order to obtain bids specific to the addressing the needs identified by the therapist.
- Once the bids have been received, the case manager will submit the request for review by the department.



How much funding is available?

- Each member on a waiver that has Vehicle Modification as a benefit has access to \$10,000 for Home Modifications, Vehicle Modifications and Assistive Technology. This \$10,000 renews every 5 years with the lifetime of waiver.
- If a member requires a Vehicle Modification that is over \$10,000 that request would be submitted to the Department for review.
 - For CES members, the cost of the modification must still fit within the overall CES Spending Limit.



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Questions



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