

**SECTION
SERVICES**

**SUBJECT
Specialized Medical Equipment**

REFERENCES: ARM: 37.90.449

DEFINITION

Specialized medical equipment and supplies is the provision of items of medical equipment and supplies to a recipient for the purpose of maintaining and improving the recipient's ability to reside at home and to function in the community. The provision of medical equipment and supplies services may include the provision of consultation regarding the appropriateness of the equipment or supplies and the provision of supplies and care necessary to maintain a service animal.

A service animal is an animal trained to undertake particular tasks on behalf of an individual that the individual cannot perform and that are necessary to meet the individual's needs for accessibility, independence, health, or safety.

SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Specialized medical equipment and supplies:

- a. Must be functionally necessary and relate specifically to the recipient's disability
- b. Must not be reimbursable under state plan Durable Medical Equipment
- c. Must substantively meet the recipient's needs for accessibility, independence, health, and safety
- d. Must be based on a reasonable expectation that the item will promote the individual's recovery and/or functional ability or the ability of a caregiver or service provider to maintain the recipient in the recipient's home
- e. Must be the most cost effective item that can meet the needs of the recipient, and
- f. Will be limited to a one time purchase unless otherwise authorized by the department in writing
- g. Includes supplies necessary for the performance of a service animal, specifically related to the performance of the service animal to meet the specific needs of the recipient and care necessary to the health and maintenance of a service animal. Supplies do not include food to maintain the service animals.

Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies in excess of \$5000 must be prior authorized by the department.

SERVICE LIMITATIONS

Any particular item of medical equipment or supplies, except for an item or supply necessary to maintain a service animal, is limited to a one time purchase unless otherwise authorized by the department in writing.

Certain items of medical equipment or supplies for short term use, as specified by the department, may be leased or rented instead of purchased.

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Specialized medical equipment needs to be identified in the Person Centered Recovery Plan for purpose of recovery and or medical support. Clothing and basic household furniture are not considered specialized medical equipment.

