

Department of Public Health and Human Services Money Follows the Person

SECTION SERVICES

SUBJECT

Home Modification Guide – To be used with all MFP Transition Services involving a request for a home modification.

Home modifications are physical modifications made to a participant's home which are necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the participant and are designed to maintain or improve the participant's ability to remain at home. The decisions of the MFP program in response to a request made for home modifications under the MFP Demonstration grant are based on the specific needs of the participant. The MFP program will take into account the nature of the participant's disease or disability. If there is a reasonable expectation that the consumer's condition will deteriorate, this factor must be taken into account when making the modification. All home modifications must be prior authorized.

All home modifications must:

- Be specific to the needs of the participant and be included in the approved plan of care and individual cost plan;
- Be necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the participant or enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home, and without which, the individual would require institutionalization;
- Be defensible and have a clear audit trail in the purpose and use of funds used (this means there are clear receipts for the modifications and purchases, which included the packing slip for online/delivery orders);
- Be the most adequate and cost effective modification that can meet the needs of the participant;
- Be limited to a one time purchase;
- Be provided in accordance with applicable State or local building codes;
- Meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and American National Standard Institute (ANSI) standards and specifications when feasible.

Excluded are those home modifications that are of general utility and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual.

A minimum of two bids by a contractor who is licensed and bonded are required. If the participant is in a rental property, a copy of the reasonable modification request to the property owner must be submitted to the MFP program. A copy of the doctor's approval for a reasonable modification must also be submitted to the MFP program. Finally, approval from the property owner must be submitted to the MFP program.

The contractor must be a Medicaid enrolled provider to bill for the home modification under MFP Transition Services or the waiver agency must be willing to bill for MFP Transition Services on the contractor's behalf.