

## Department of Public Health and Human Services Money Follows the Person

### **SECTION SERVICES**

#### **SUBJECT MFP Modify Existing Vehicle for Accessibility**

*REFERENCES: New Demonstration Service – defined in the MFP Operational Protocol*

#### **DEFINITION**

Transportation is often an obstacle for individuals who are disabled with accessibility needs to fully engage in employment, recreation, and social activities. Making modifications to an existing vehicle will be specified in the service plan as necessary to enable a consumer with accessibility needs to more fully integrate into the community and to ensure their health, safety and welfare.

#### **COVERED SERVICES**

MFP Modify Existing Vehicle for Accessibility service includes the following:

- Vehicle Access Modifications – power door operators, wheelchair lifts, raised roof systems, raised door openings, lowered floor (passenger, driver, or both)
- Steering System Modifications – steering devices, reduced effort systems, emergency backup systems, removed/disconnected air bag
- Secondary Controls – electronic control touch pads, parking brake extension lever, power parking brake, left hand gear selector lever, power gear selector
- Brake/Accelerator Systems – mechanical hand control, powered brake/throttle control, left foot accelerator, reduced effort brake, pedal extensions
- Driver Position – removable driver seat, power transfer seat, transfer assist
- Miscellaneous – 4-point wheelchair tie-down, battery protector/backup system, wheelchair/scooter hoist, suspension system modifications

This list is offered as an example and shall not restrict additional modifications that are requested and approved in a participant's person-centered plan.

This service also includes consultation on the modifications and/or training on the use of the vehicle modifications.

#### **SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

This service is offered in addition to medical transportation required under 42 CFR 431.53 and transportation services under the State Plan, defined at 42 CFR440.170(a) (if applicable), and shall not replace them.

Whenever possible, family, neighbors, friends, or community agencies that can provide transportation services without the need for modifying existing vehicles, shall be utilized.

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Participants that have vehicle modifications in their person-centered plan will be required to provide proof that the vehicle is registered (to the participant or legal representative) and insured, and that the operator of the vehicle is in possession of a valid driver’s license.

Vehicle modifications must be specified in the person centered plan as necessary to enable the consumer to more fully integrate into the community and to ensure their health, safety and welfare.

Modifications must be completed by a qualified provider who meets state business requirements for automotive repair/service.

A cost estimate from a qualified provider who meets state business requirements for automotive repair/service must be submitted along with the person centered plan prior to approval.

**LIMITATIONS**

This service does not include the purchase or lease of a new or used vehicle.

This service does not include adaptations or improvements to the vehicle that are of general utility and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant.

This service does not include regularly scheduled upkeep and maintenance of a vehicle except upkeep and maintenance of the modifications during MFP participation.

**FEES**

A request and justification for this service must be included in the participant’s person centered plan.

Modifications will not receive reimbursement until the MFP State Transition Coordinator has verified the qualified provider, received the cost estimate, received the person centered plan, and received confirmation of completed work.

A prior authorization will be required for each unit of service.

Unit of Service:	1
Rate:	\$4,000

**PROCEDURE CODE/MODIFIER**

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