

## **VEHICLE MODIFICATION**

Vehicle Modifications are adaptations or alterations to an automobile or van that is the participant's primary means of transportation in order to accommodate the special needs of the participant. Vehicle Modifications are specified by the service plan as necessary to enable the participant to integrate more fully into the community and to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the participant.

The following are specifically excluded:

1. Adaptations or improvements to the vehicle that are of general utility, and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant.
2. Purchase or lease of a vehicle.
3. Purchase of existing adaptations or adaptations in process.
4. Regularly scheduled upkeep and maintenance of a vehicle except upkeep and maintenance of the modifications.
5. Vehicle Modifications will not be approved to adapt automobiles or vans that are owned or leased by providers of waiver services.

### **Scope and Limitation**

- Combined Vehicle Modification and Home Modification has a budget cap of \$30,000 for participants under age 18 and live in the family home
- Combined Vehicle Modification and Home Modification has a budget cap of \$30,000 for participants ages 18 and older and live independently.
- A critical health or safety service request that exceeds the lifetime cap is subject to available funding and approval by the Division.
- The Division may require an on-site assessment of the environmental concern including an evaluation of functional necessity with appropriate Medicaid enrolled professional providers. The Division may use a third party to assess the proposed modification and need for the modification to ensure cost effectiveness and quality of product.
- The amount of prior authorized services is based on the participant's need as documented in the service plan, and within the participant's approved annual budget.
- Proof of vehicle insurance may be requested.
- Vehicle Modifications shall not overlap with, supplant, or duplicate other services provided through Medicaid State plan or HCBS Waiver services.
- Providers shall not exceed their charges to the general public when billing the waiver. A provider who offers a discount to certain individuals (for example, students, senior citizens, etc.) shall apply the same discount to the participants who would otherwise qualify for the discount.
- If the vehicle is leased, the modification is transferrable to the next vehicle.