

Assistive Technology Supports

The service definition and limits outlined below do not include all details and requirements. For the service standards, limitations, provider types, and qualification, and reimbursement information, refer to the appropriate Medicaid HCBS AD/TBI Waivers.

Service Definitions

Assistive Technology Supports are a service for adults and children on the HCBS Waiver for Aged and Adults and Children with Disabilities (AD) and the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver. Assistive Technology is equipment or a product system, such as devices or appliances, that can be bought, modified, or customized. Assistive Technology is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of participants and is needed to ensure the participant's health, welfare, and safety.

Conditions of Provision

- A. A participant chooses each service based on their assessed needs.
 - 1. Services should increase independence and community integration; and
 - 2. The chosen waiver services and who provides them are documented in the participant's Person-Centered Plan (PCP).
- B. Consultation, assessment, and determination of available options for Assistive Technology Supports are provided, and costs are covered by an administrative contract with the Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) within the Nebraska Department of Education.
- C. Services include:
 - 1. Assessments to identify the type of technology necessary to aid the participant.
 - 2. Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing the assistive technology device.
 - 3. Evaluation, purchase, and month-to-month rental of assistive technology.
 - 4. Coordination and use of any needed therapies, interventions, or services with assistive technology devices that are related to other devices in the plan.
 - 5. Any training or technical assistance needed for the participant and family members, guardians, and other interested parties.
- D. All items and assistive equipment must meet applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation.
- E. Examples of Assistive Technology include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Communication devices;
 - 2. Special beds;
 - 3. Freestanding Hoyer lifts.
- F. Assistive Technology may be self-directed.
- G. Assistive Technology may be provided by a relative or legal guardian, it may not be provided by a legally responsible individual.

Limitations

- A. The services under AD and TBI waivers are limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the state plan, including EPSDT, but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.
- B. Assistive Technology Supports are not available to providers.
- C. Assistive Technology cannot be provided for technology available through the local school district. This includes all public education programs funded under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- D. Items or services available through the Medicaid state plan or through another service of this waiver program are not included in this service.
- E. Assistive Technology has a budget cap of \$10,000 per 5-year period.
 - 1. If the participant's needs cannot be met within the budget cap, the participant may request more funds through DDA Central Office.
 - 2. The participant may request additional funds through DDA Central Office up to a maximum of \$20,000.
- F. If Assistive Technology is damaged, stolen, or lost **and** not covered by insurance or warranty it may only be replaced once every two years.
- G. Items excluded from Assistive Technology Supports:
 - 1. Long-term leasing of equipment;
 - 2. Supports not directly benefiting the participant medically or physically; and
 - 3. Durable medical equipment is required to be provided under the Medicaid state plan.

Provider Requirements

The information outlined below does not include all provider requirements. It is intended to be general information about providers of this specific service.

- A. All providers of waiver services must:
 - 1. Be a Medicaid provider;
 - 2. Comply with all applicable Titles of the Nebraska Administrative Code and Nebraska State Statutes;
 - 3. Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including maintaining appropriate licenses and certifications.
 - 4. Modifications must be completed in accordance with local and state codes and professional practice standards.
 - 1. All modifications must be made or overseen by appropriately licensed or certified professionals.
 - 5. All items and equipment must meet applicable standards for manufacture and design.