

## Vehicle Modification

*The service definition and limits outlined below do not include all details and requirements. For the service standards, limitations, provider types and qualifications, and reimbursement information, refer to the appropriate Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver.*

### Waiver Availability

Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver

Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) Waiver

Family Support Waiver (FSW)

### Service Definition

Vehicle Modification provides adaptations to the participant's privately owned main vehicle to increase their ability to travel independently.

### Conditions of Provision

- A. Vehicle Modification includes:
  - 1. Physical adaptations necessary to meet the participant's needs or increase their independence; and
  - 2. Ongoing maintenance or repair of adaptations.
- B. Vehicle Modification is not a habilitative service.
- C. Examples of Vehicle Modification include but are not limited to:
  - 1. Wheelchair lift; or
  - 2. Adaptive control devices for the accelerator, brake, turn signals, steering wheel, or parking brake.
- D. Vehicle Modification has the following limitations:
  - 1. Vehicle Modification can only be used for a vehicle owned by:
    - a. A participant; or
    - b. A participant's family when the vehicle is the participant's main transportation.
  - 2. Vehicle Modification cannot be used for vehicles owned or leased by DD providers.
  - 3. Vehicle Modification cannot be used for:
    - a. Adaptations or improvements of general utility, such as:
      - i. Heated or cooled seats;
      - ii. DVD player; or
      - iii. Customized tires or rims.
    - b. Purchase or lease of a vehicle;
    - c. Paying for existing adaptations or adaptations already started; and

- d. Regularly scheduled maintenance.
4. Proof of vehicle insurance may be requested.
5. DDD may require an on-site assessment by an appropriate Medicaid-enrolled professional provider. The assessment is provided under the Environmental Modification Assessment.
6. A modification to a leased vehicle must be transferrable to the next vehicle.
7. Vehicle Modification cannot overlap with, replace, or duplicate other similar services provided through Medicaid.

## Provider Requirements

- 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. Adhere to standards as described in the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Service Provider Agreement;
  4. Complete DHHS trainings upon request; and
  5. Use universal precautions.
- B. Vehicle Modification can be offered by a vendor.
  1. A vendor is a company or agency enrolled as a Medicaid provider, but not certified as a DD provider.
- C. Vehicle Modification cannot be self-directed.

## Rates

- A. Vehicle Modification must be purchased within a participant's annual individual budget amount.
- B. Vehicle Modification is reimbursed per occurrence.
- C. A vendor cannot charge more than they would to the general public. A vendor who offers a discount to a certain group of people, such as students or senior citizens, must offer the same discount to a participant in that group.
- D. Vehicle Modification has a cap of \$10,000 per five-year period.
  1. A participant may request funding over the budget cap due to a critical health or safety need.
  2. DDD approval is determined based on available funding.