

## Vehicle Modifications

*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

Vehicle Modifications are adaptations to the participant's privately owned primary means of transportation to accommodate the special needs of the participant.

### 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. Vehicle Modification includes:
  - 1. Consultation, assessment, and determination of available options for Vehicle Modifications are provided, and costs are covered by an administrative contract with the Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) within the Nebraska Department of Education;
  - 2. Physical adaptation necessary to meet the participant's needs or increase their independence; and
  - 3. Ongoing maintenance or repair of the adaptation.
- C. Support or modifications must be a direct medical or physical benefit to the participant.
- 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. Vehicle Modifications may be done by a relative or legal guardian

### 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. Vehicle Modifications are not available to providers.
- C. Vehicle Modifications have a budget cap of \$10,000 per five-year period.
  - 1. If a participant's needs cannot be met within this budget, the participant may request more funds through DDA Central Office.
  - 2. If a participant's needs cannot be met within the established budget cap, the participant may request additional funds through DDA Central Office, up to a maximum of \$20,000.
- D. Items excluded from eligibility for Vehicle Modifications:
  - 1. Adaptations or improvements to the vehicle that are of general utility and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual.
  - 2. Purchase or lease of a vehicle.
  - 3. Regularly scheduled upkeep and maintenance of a vehicle, except upkeep and maintenance of the modifications.

4. Modifications of Vehicles owned or leased, operated or controlled by providers of waiver services.
5. Modifications for participants residing in a licensed foster care setting.
6. Adaptions to vehicles that are not the participant's primary means of transportation.

### **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.