

FAMILY SUPPORTS WAIVER

Service Type: Other Service

Service (Name):

Alternative Service Title: **VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS**

Service Definition:

- A. Vehicle modifications are adaptations or alterations to a vehicle that is the individual's or child's family's primary means of transportation. Vehicle modifications are designed to accommodate the needs of the individual and families and enable them to integrate more fully into the community and to ensure the health, welfare and safety and integration by removing barriers to transportation.
- B. Vehicle modifications can support individuals and families with all of their complexity, strengths and unique abilities to achieve self-determination, interdependence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life across the lifespan. They support individuals and families as they focus on life experiences that point the trajectory toward a good quality of life across the lifespan. They are important to a good quality of life, including daily life, safety and security in their own home. They can help to promote self-determination, community living, building social capital, and economic sufficiency to achieve individually defined life outcomes.
- C. Vehicle modifications may include:
 - 1. Assessment services to (a) help determine specific needs of the individual as a driver or passenger, (b) review modification options, and (c) develop a prescription for required modifications of a vehicle;
 - 2. Assistance with modifications to be purchased and installed in a vehicle owned by or a new vehicle purchased by the individual, or legally responsible parent of a minor or other caretaker as approved by DDA;
 - 3. Non-warranty vehicle modification repairs; and
 - 4. Training on use of the modification.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. All vehicle modifications purchases must be pre-approved in writing by the DDA.
- B. A vehicle modification assessment and/or a driving assessment will be required when not conducted within the last year by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS).
- C. A prescription for vehicle modifications must be completed by a driver rehabilitation specialist or certified driver rehabilitation specialist.
- D. The prescription for vehicle modifications applies only to the year/make/model of the vehicle specified on the Vehicle Equipment and Adaptation Prescription Agreement (VEAPA).
- E. The vehicle owner is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle.

- F. The vehicle owner shall purchase insurance on vehicle modifications. The program will not correct or replace vehicle modifications provided under the program that have been damaged or destroyed in an accident.
- G. Vehicle modifications are only authorized to vehicles meeting safety standards once modified.
- H. Modifications to a vehicle other than a standard sedan, van or minivan require a formal vehicle modification assessment and prior approval of the DDA.
- I. Vehicle modifications do not include the purchase of new or used vehicles, general vehicle maintenance or repair, State inspections, insurance, gasoline, fines, tickets, or the purchase of warranties.
- J. The Program cannot provide assistance with modifications on vehicles not owned by the individual or legally responsible parent of a minor or other caretaker. This includes leased vehicles.
- K. Vehicle modifications may not be provided in day, employment, and residential provider owned vehicles.
- L. Vehicle modifications will not be covered if service is available under the individual's private insurance, the Medicaid State Plan, the Rehabilitation Act, other waiver services, or through other resources.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

- A. Services are provided to an individual no more frequently than once every ten years, unless an exception is approved by the DDA.
- B. Vehicle modifications payment rates for services must be customary, reasonable according to current market values, and may not exceed a total of \$17,500 including environmental modifications over an individual's lifespan, unless otherwise authorized by DDA.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

- Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

| Provider Category | Provider Type Title |
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| Agency | DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider |
| Agency | For participants self-directing services - Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) Vendor |

Provider Specifications for Services

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| Provider Category: Agency |
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Provider Type: DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

DDA certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Providers as per COMAR 10.22.20

Other Standard (specify):

OHCDs providers shall verify the licenses, credentials, and experience of all professionals with whom they contract or employ and have a copy of the same available upon request.

OHCDs must ensure the individual or entity performing the service meets the qualifications noted below:

- A. DORS approved vendor or DDA approved vendor;
- B. Vehicle Equipment and Adaptation Prescription Agreement (VEAPA) must be completed by a driver rehabilitation specialist or certified driver rehabilitation specialist; and
- C. The adaptive driving assessment specialist who wrote the Adapted Driving Assessment report and the VEAPA shall ensure the vehicle modification fits the consumer and the consumer is able to safely drive the vehicle with the new adaptations/equipment by conducting an on-site assessment and provide a statement as to whether it meets the individual's needs.

Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for verification of the OHCDs certification
- OHCDs providers for entities and individuals they contract or employ

Frequency of Verification:

- OHCDs certification – annually
- OHCDs providers – prior to service delivery

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: For participants self-directing services - Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) approved vendor

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

The following minimum standards are required:

- A. Entity designated by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) as a Vehicle Modification service vendor.
- B. The Adapted Driving Assessment specialist who wrote the Adapted Driving Assessment report and the VEAPA shall ensure the vehicle modification fits the consumer and the consumer is able to safely drive the vehicle with the new adaptations/equipment by conducting an on-site assessment and provide a statement to meet the individual's needs.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

Fiscal Management Services

Frequency of Verification:

Prior to service delivery