

# Long Term Care Workforce Commission October 24, 2019



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## What is Assistive Technology

**Assistive Technology Device and Services** means devices and services that are used to increase, maintain, or improve a member's functional capabilities to perform Activities of Daily Living or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living. An Assistive Technology Device may include an item, piece of equipment or product, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized. An Assistive Technology Service means a service that directly assists a member in the selection, acquisition, or use of an Assistive Technology Device.

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## What is Assistive Technology Cont.

Assistive Technology Services include:

- A. services consisting of purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of Assistive Technology devices for members; and
- B. services consisting of selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing Assistive Technology device.

This service will only be authorized when the requested equipment and supplies are medically necessary, improve or maintain the member's level of independence, ability to access needed supports and services in the community or if required to ensure a member's health and welfare.

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## Examples of Covered Assistive Technology

- Adaptive Phone with headset
- Seizure detention device
- Clappers
- Motion Activated Devices (example: lights, doorways)
- Security Camera
- Voice Activated Devices (examples: Doorways, Echo, Google Home)
- Remote Monitoring Camera/transmission
- Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)\*
- Blood Pressure Watch
- Liftware utensils
- Keyless Entry
- Electronic Medication Dispenser
- Ipad/tablets/laptops
- Various AT Software Applications (examples: pictello, litescribe, touch chat, go talk now, money reader)

\* PERS covered separately under Section 19 waiver program

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## Assistive Technology -Remote Monitoring

**Assistive Technology-Remote Monitoring** means real time remote support monitoring of the member with electronic devices to assist them to remain safely in their homes. Remote monitoring services may include a range of technological options including in-home computers, sensors, and video camera linked to a provider that enables 24/7 monitoring and/or contact as necessary.

The following information is considered when prior-approving remote monitoring:

- A. number of hospitalizations in the past year;
- B. use of emergency room in the past year;
- C. history of falls in the last six months resulting in injury;
- D. member lives alone or is home alone for significant periods of time;
- E. service access challenges and reasons for those challenges;
- F. history of behavior indicating that a member’s cognitive abilities put them at a significant risk of wandering; and
- G. other relevant information for the request.

A thorough evaluation of all Assistive Technology will be completed prior to service delivery. The member’s record must document the member’s consent and commitment to the Assistive Technology plan elements including all assistive communication, environmental control and safety components.

## Assistive Technology Across Medicaid Adult Services 1915(c) Waivers

	Section 18	Section 19	Section 20	Section 21	Section 29
<b>Overall annual cap</b>	\$198,415	\$65,100	\$199,961	200% ICF/IID	50% ICF/IID
<b>Monthly cap</b>	no	\$5,425	no	no	no
<b>AT annual cap</b>	\$6000/year	\$1000 AT device \$6000 remote monitoring	\$6000/year	\$6000/year	\$6000/year
<b>AT assessment covered</b>	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
<b>Assessment cap (units)</b>	32	n/a	32	32	32
<b>Data transmission cap</b>	\$50/month	\$600 annually	\$50/month	\$50/month	\$50/month

## What is Durable Medical Equipment

As defined by 10-144 Department of Health and Human Services; Chapter 101; MaineCare Benefits Manual; Chapter II, Section 60 – Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment-

### Durable Medical Equipment (DME) is:

- A. Equipment that can withstand repeated use;
- B. Primarily used to serve a medical purpose and is medically necessary and reasonable for the treatment of the member's disability, illness or injury or to improve an altered body function. Examples of items that are not primarily used for medical purposes include air conditioners, pools and exercise equipment, and equipment primarily used for the convenience of a caregiver;
- C. Not generally useful to a person in the absence of disability, illness or injury;
- D. Medical supplies, equipment and appliances suitable for use in any setting in which normal life activities take place and is in safe and reasonably good condition and suitable for its intended use.

\*Home/Environmental modifications do not meet the definition of Medical Supplies or Durable Medical Equipment and are not covered under this Section.

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## What is Durable Medical Equipment Cont.

**Medical Supplies** are those Medical Supplies that are primarily needed to relieve or control a medical condition. Examples of supplies not primarily needed to relieve or control a medical condition include, but are not limited to, room and underarm deodorants.

### Reasonable and Necessary for Treatment

All DME and supplies must be prescribed by and certified as medically necessary by the physician or PCP. Through the PA process, the Department shall determine whether the DME and/or supplies are reasonable for the course of treatment for equipment having a MaineCare allowed amount exceeding \$699.00 (Refer to PA requirements in this Section). In making such a determination, the following factors are to be considered:

- A. The equipment is medically necessary and meets the criteria in this Section;
- B. The equipment serves a different purpose than equipment already available to the member; and the equipment is not an upgrade for currently functioning equipment that meets members' basic needs and already supplied to the member;
- C. The equipment is not more costly than a medically appropriate and realistically feasible alternative plan of care;
- D. The cost of the item is not disproportionate to the therapeutic benefits which could ordinarily be derived from use of the equipment;
- E. Home/Environmental modifications do not meet the definition of Medical Supplies or Durable Medical Equipment and are not covered under this Section; and
- F. Prior to provision, a written document must be submitted indicating, if applicable, the equipment can freely pass through all entryways without the need for modification. It is the responsibility of the provider to submit documentation indicating that necessary modifications or structural changes have occurred prior to the request for authorization.

\*(Providing all other criteria are met, an exception may be granted for a member who needs a wheelchair during the winter months but is unable to make the necessary home modifications due to the frozen conditions.)

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### Examples of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

- Manual wheelchairs (standard, lightweight, heavy duty, pediatric, hemi, etc...), power wheelchairs and Power operated vehicles
- Canes, crutches, and walkers
- Commodes, bath/tub wall rails, and bath/shower chairs
- Orthotics and prosthetics
- Orthopedic footwear
- Nebulizers
- Oxygen
- Urological supplies
- Ostomy supplies
- Incontinence supplies

### Examples of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies Cont.

- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (Bi-PAP) devices and supplies
  - Apnea monitor
  - Insulin pumps, home blood glucose monitors and supplies, and continuous glucose monitors
  - Enteral and parenteral nutrition therapy
  - Cochlear implant devices and hearing aids
  - Hospital beds
  - Alternating pressure pads
  - Tracheostomy
- \* All items may be subject to limitations as outlined in Chapter II, Section 60 – Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment of the MaineCare Benefits Manual, State or Federal Statute, and/or Regulation.