FUNDING ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS THROUGH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)

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Environmental Modifications are internal and external physical adaptations to the home which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the individual or that enable the individual to function with greater independence.

EXAMPLES OF MODIFICATIONS

- POOL LIFTS
- GRAB-BARS
- WIDENING DOORWAYS
- RAMPS
- MODIFICATIONS OF BATHROOMS
- EMERGENCY GENERATOR EQUIPMENT
- AIR FILTERS/HUMIDIFIERS
- STAIR LIFTS
- CEILING TRACK SYSTEMS FOR TRANSFERS

PLEASE NOTE THAT EXAMPLES ARE NOT ALL INCLUSIVE OF EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE FUNDED THROUGH THIS SERVICE

NEED FOR SERVICES

THE NEED FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION WILL BE IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE NJ COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TOOL (NJCAT) AND THE PERSON CENTERED PLANNING PROCESS DOCUMENTED IN THE PERSON CENTERED PLANNING TOOL (PCPT).

NJCAT:
HTTP://BIT.LY/NJCAT1

PCPT:
HTTP://BIT.LY/PCPTOOL

STEPS TO ACCESS ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS

- THE SUPPORT COORDINATOR (SC) WILL ASSIST THE INDIVIDUAL IN IDENTIFYING AN APPROVED ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION.
- THE SC WILL SUBMIT A REQUEST TO CONDUCT THE EVALUATION TO THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD).
- DDD WILL REVIEW THE EVALUATION REQUEST AND PROVIDE A DETERMINATION.
- IF APPROVED BY DDD, THE SC WILL ADD ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TO THE INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICE PLAN (ISP).
- ONCE THE EVALUATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE SC WILL SUBMIT A REQUEST AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOR DDD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION.
- ONCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION IS APPROVED, THE SC WILL ADD ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TO THE ISP.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT ARE RELATED TO THIS PROCESS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SERVICE APPROVAL HELP DESK AT DDD.SERVICEAPPROVALHELPDESK@DHS.STATE.NJ.US

SERVICE LIMITS

ALL SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE OR LOCAL BUILDING CODES AND ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BY DDD. EXCLUDED ITEMS ARE THOSE ADAPTATIONS OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOME THAT ARE OF GENERAL UTILITY, AND ARE NOT OF DIRECT MEDICAL OR REMEDIAL BENEFIT TO THE PARTICIPANT. ADAPTATIONS THAT ADD TO THE TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE HOME ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS BENEFIT EXCEPT WHEN NECESSARY TO COMPLETE AN ADAPTATION (E.G., IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ENTRANCE/EGRESS TO A RESIDENCE OR TO CONFIGURE A BATHROOM TO ACCOMMODATE A WHEELCHAIR).

OTHER RESOURCES

- **DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**
  - HTTP://BIT.LY/DDDNJ
- **DDD SUPPORTS PROGRAM MANUAL**
  - HTTP://BIT.LY/SUPPORTSPROGRAM
- **FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE (CSOC)**
  - HTTP://BIT.LY/CSOCSUPPORT
- **CATASROPHIC RELIEF FUND**
  - HTTP://BIT.LY/NJCRF
- **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVOCACY CENTER**
  - HTTP://BIT.LY/ATADVOCACY
- **COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL**
  - HTTP://BIT.LY/CCPPOLICY
- **INNOVATIVE FINANCING SOLUTIONS**
  - If you're interested in a pool lift, click here: HTTP://BIT.LY/HAGEFINANCIAL

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GLOSSARY

SUPPORT COORDINATOR (SC)
A professional who helps identify the supports an individual needs, helps the individual plan the life he/she wants, and connects the individual to services that will help him/her achieve a quality life in the community.

NJCAT
The New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool is a standardized assessment used to determine eligibility for services and identify an individual's level of need for support in three main areas: self-care, behavioral health, and medical.

PCPT
The Person-Centered Planning Tool is a mandatory discovery tool used to guide the person centered planning process and to assist in the development of an individual's Service Plan.

ISP
The Individualized Service Plan (ISP) utilizes information gathered through evaluations to identify the individual's needs; describe the needed services to be provided and outcomes to be attained; direct the provision of safe, secure, and dependable support and assistance; and establish outcomes consistent with full social inclusion, independence, and personal/economic well-being.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT)
Assistive Technology can be both devices and services created and used to help people with disabilities live more independently and productively. Assistive technology enables people with disabilities to participate fully in every aspect of life – at school and work, at home, and in the community.