

MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

June 28, 2022

TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

FROM: CASEY ANGRES
MANAGER OF DIVISION COMPLIANCE

SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES
CHAPTER 2300 – HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
(HCBS) WAIVER FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATION

Revision to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2300 is being proposed to align with the current Appendix K approved on March 14, 2022.

The change includes the addition of assessment fee and travel to enhanced Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (EAA) Service.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

Entities Financially Affected: There is no anticipated fiscal impact known at this time.

Financial Impact on Local Government: Unknown at this time.

These changes are effective July 1, 2022.

MATERIAL TRANSMITTED
MTL OL CHAPTER 2300 – HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVER FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

MATERIAL SUPERSEDED
MTL 19/19 CHAPTER 2300 – HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVER FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Manual Section	Section Title	Background and Explanation of Policy Changes, Clarifications and Updates
2303.7A	Coverage and Limitations	Section Number 3 added to include a separate assessment and travel fee for EAA.
2303.7B	Environmental Accessibility Adaptations Provider Responsibility	<p>Removed Number 1 as requirements are too restrictive and do not align with the current waiver.</p> <p>Added Number 2 to align with requirements stated in the waiver.</p> <p>Updated language in Number 4 to include assessment and travel fee.</p>

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- d. meet the requirements of NRS 629.091, Section 2303.3B of this Chapter, and MSM Chapter 2600 if a respite provider is providing attendant care services that are considered skilled services;
- e. demonstrate the ability to perform the care tasks as prescribed;
- f. be tolerant of the varied lifestyles of the people served;
- g. identify emergency situations and act accordingly, including completion of CPR certification which may be obtained outside the agency;
- h. have the ability to communicate effectively and document in writing services provided;
- i. maintain confidentiality regarding details of case circumstances;
- j. arrange training in personal hygiene needs and techniques for assisting with ADLs, such as bathing, grooming, skin care, transfer, ambulation, exercise, feeding, dressing, and use of adaptive aids and equipment, homemaking and household care.
- k. Services must be prior authorized and documented in an approved EVV System.
- l. Providers are responsible to ensure that EVV requirements and expectations are met, including the documentation of all services in approved EVV system.

2303.7 ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESSIBILITY ADAPTATIONS (EAA)

2303.7A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Adaptations may include the purchase of environmental controls, the installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, or installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems necessary to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies needed for the welfare of the recipient. Adaptations must be prior authorized and are subject to legislative budget constraints.
- ~~1.2.~~ All services, modifications, improvements or repairs must be provided in accordance with applicable state or local housing and building codes.
3. Providers who are furnishing EAA services to PD waiver recipients will be able to bill for an assessment fee (maximum of one hour) and a flat rate mileage for a single transport over 30 miles. The purpose of the addition of the assessment fee is to ensure recipients receive maximum services and for waiver providers to have the ability to properly identify needed adaptations. The assessment and travel fees can be billed separately from the maximum amount limit per calendar year to complete the job (material and labor costs.)

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~~2.4.~~ Excluded Adaptations

- a. Improvements to the home which are of general utility, and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual, such as carpeting, roof repair, central air conditioning, etc.
- b. Adaptations which increase the total square footage of the home except when necessary to complete an adaptation, for example, in order to improve entrance/egress to a residence or to configure a bathroom to accommodate a wheelchair.

2303.7B ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESSIBILITY ADAPTATIONS PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

~~1. All agencies contracting with the DHCFP who provide environmental accessibility adaptation assessments will employ persons who have graduated from an accredited college or university in Special Education, rehabilitation, rehabilitation engineering, occupational or speech therapy or other related fields and who are licensed to practice if applicable and have at least one year experience working with individuals with disabilities and their families or graduation from high school and three years experience working with individuals with disabilities and their families as a technologist and possess a Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) Technology Certification.~~

- ~~2.1.~~ All sub-contractors must be licensed or certified if applicable. Modifications, improvements or repairs must be made in accordance with local and state housing and building codes.
2. Must have a contractor's license if completing installation.
3. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers must meet the standards to provide equipment under the Medicaid State Plan Program.
4. The service including assessment and travel fees must be prior authorized.

2303.8 SPECIALIZED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

2303.8A COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Specialized medical equipment and supplies are those devices, controls, or appliances specified in the plan of care that enable recipients to increase their abilities to perform ADLs.
2. This service also includes devices, controls, or applications which enable the recipient to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which they live; items necessary for life support, ancillary supplies and equipment necessary to the proper