Environmental modifications

PROVIDER APPLICATION DETAILS

INSTRUCTIONS

Please review this entire document and compile the necessary information and documentation before you begin the WA Cares provider application process.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

Provide needed changes such as ramps, stair lifts, and widened doorways for a wheelchair in the home to increase, improve or maintain a beneficiary's health, welfare, safety, and independence.

Typical services include but are not limited to grab bars, ramps, widening doors, and bathroom remodels for safety and accessibility.

RELATED LAWS, RULES AND POLICIES

Below is a list of some of the laws, rules and policies that may be helpful to review prior to completing an application. This may not be a comprehensive list of all laws, rules and policies that apply.

- Chapter 50B.04 RCW: Long-term services and supports trust program
- RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845: Washington State Patrol background checks
- Chapter 388-116 WAC: WA Cares program
- Chapter 18.27 RCW: Registration of contractors

MINIMUM PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS

1. Contractors must meet all Washington state laws to do business in the state (and city or county requirements, if applicable). This includes having all required business license(s), endorsement(s), credential(s) and certification(s) to provide the service.
2. The agency owner(s) and contract signatory must pass a Department of Social and Health Services criminal history background check at initial application and contract renewal. The date of birth and background check confirmation number must be provided at time of application.
3. All employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who may have unsupervised access to beneficiaries must have passed a criminal history background check, which must be conducted by the contractor prior to access and every two years. The criminal history background check must at least include Washington State Patrol criminal conviction records and be kept in their personnel or subcontractor file(s).

4. Meet Department of Social and Health Services insurance requirements.
5. Providers are required to meet one of the following qualifications:
    a. General contractor or specialty contractor:
        i. Registered with Washington State Labor and Industries; and
        ii. Licensed, bonded, and insured meeting the requirements of Chapter 18.27 RCW; or
    b. Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization that is bonded, insured, and offers environmental modifications or minor home repairs.

PROVIDER CONTRACT

Environmental modification contracts have a maximum duration of two years. The sample contract is available in the provider toolkit. The sample is available to review to ensure all contract terms can be met before application.

Required documentation for provider application

1. Completed provider network application and required attachments.
2. Copy of W-9 or taxpayer identification number and certification.
3. Unless you are a sole proprietor, supporting documentation on business organization (e.g., list of partners, members, directors, officers, board members).
4. Name, date of birth, and background check confirmation number for the contract signatory and the agency owner(s) with 5% or more ownership interest.
5. Current certificate of insurance (COI) satisfying the insurance requirements.
6. Evidence showing specific provider qualifications are met using one of the following credentials:
    a. Copy of either Washington state business license (or proof of exemption); or
    b. For a nonprofit organization, copies of the:
        i. 501(c)(3) nonprofit determination letter; and
        ii. Surety bond validating the organization is bonded.
7. Current rate(s) or pricing guide, for informational purposes.

Subcontracting

Environmental modification contractors may subcontract with prior approval from the Department of Social and Health Services. For approval, the provider must submit a completed DSHS 17-265A to DSHS for statewide contracts or the appropriate AAA for smaller service areas.