



Adaptive equipment and technology



Adaptive equipment and technology are devices and services that help you with your activities of daily living and increase or maintain your independence, safety and welfare.

There are five different categories under this service:

- **Assistive technology goods:** Devices and equipment to help maintain or improve your ability to complete daily tasks.
- **Assistive technology services:** Professional support, assistance and consultation about what assistive technology might help with cognitive, physical and sensory limitations.
- **Medical equipment and aids:** Devices that are typically covered by health insurance. This includes devices such as bath benches, raised toilet seats or commodes.
- **Care equipment and supplies:** Non-medical items and adaptive devices to meet your individualized needs. This includes adult briefs for incontinence, personal hygiene aids and more.
- **Vehicle modifications:** Changes made to the main vehicle you use to improve your accessibility, safety, and ease of use as the driver or passenger.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Examples and exclusions of covered goods and services begin on page three. Several items may be covered under more than one category.

Some adaptive equipment and technology may also be covered by your medical insurance. Connect with your insurance provider to verify and decide which funding source will work best for you. Community resources such as medical equipment banks may also be available in your area.

If you are also using a personal emergency response system, your PERS provider may offer support with medication management or other alerts. Consider reaching out to your PERS provider for more information on what they offer to see if the item you need is covered.

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PROVIDERS

Providers of this service are experienced adaptive equipment and technology professionals. Providers will offer various goods and services. You can visit a provider's website or contact them directly to learn more about what they offer to see if it is a good fit for you.

You can choose any WA Cares provider who is registered to provide this service. We require all providers to meet minimum qualifications. You can find a provider at waclic.org/wacares.

Beginning July 2026, you will also have the option of utilizing our financial management services vendor to access your balance and purchase goods on your behalf. You can work directly with them to receive equipment, supplies, devices or aids to support your health, safety and independence.

In addition, you will be able to request reimbursement from the [financial management services vendor](#) if you purchase adaptive equipment and technology out-of-pocket. To qualify for reimbursement, you must be an eligible WA Cares beneficiary at the time of purchase.

RATES AND BILLING

Adaptive equipment and technology are billed per item or service, each having a corresponding maximum rate.

Cost of services may vary based on where you live and the services you require. You and your provider will agree on rates. You can find maximum rates and typical costs at wacaresfund.wa.gov/rates.



EXAMPLES OF COVERED ITEMS

The table below includes common adaptive equipment and technology examples. This table is not a complete list but it can be used to begin conversations with your provider to find items and services that best fit your needs. Visit the provider's website or request their pricing guide to view the goods or services they offer.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GOODS

BATHING AIDS	EATING AIDS
Foot or toe sponge	Angled utensils
Handheld shower head	Regular or partitioned high-sided plate
Long-handled sponge or brush for bathing	Nosey cup
BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS	Oversized handled utensils
Robotic companion pet to improve self-soothing	Plate guards
Portable music player like MP3 player or iPod	Rocker knife or T-shaped knife
DRESSING AIDS	Scoop plate
Braille tape labeler	Sectioned food dishes
Button hook	Spill-proof cup
Compression stocking aid	Stabilizing spoon
Elastic shoelaces if you cannot tie your shoelaces	Straw holder
Pants assist device	Suction bowl or plate
Reacher	Weighted utensils, bowl, plate, etc.
Regular or long-handled shoehorn	HOUSEWORK AIDS
Shoe remover	Adapted faucet covers for kitchen sink
Sock aid	Cart to transport laundry
Talking label reader for self-adhesive, washable clothing tags	Over-shoulder sling to carry laundry basket
Zipper pull or aid	Long-handled sponge or brush
	One-handed dish scrubber



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GOODS (CONTINUED)

MEAL PREPARATION AND COOKING AIDS

Adapted rubber grip faucet covers
Adaptive bottle opener
Adaptive cooking and serving utensils
Adaptive kitchen utensils such as adaptive grater
Automatic can opener
Automatic stove shutoff
Digital assistant for reminders or cooking timer. For example, Amazon Echo Dot or Google Home Mini
Digital timer for cooking
Easy-grip jar openers
Large-handled manual can opener
Long-handled oven rack push-and-pull tool
Motion-activated faucet
Pan holder
Pizza wheel cutter
Refrigerator or freezer door sensor for when it is left open
Rocker knife
Single-handed cutting board
Spread boards
Talking microwave if you have low vision

MEDICAL MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Adaptive oral pill splitter
Automatic medication dispenser reminder with lights and sound
Digital assistant for medication reminders or appointment reminders. For example, Amazon Echo Dot or Google Home Mini
Large-print oral pill organizer, if you can use it independently
Long-handled lotion or ointment applicator
Magnifying glass to look at prescription bottles
Medication reminder system
Medication reminder with vibration and sound
Prescription cap or bottle opener
Reminder watch
Talking alarm clock with reminders for health care appointments and medications. For example, Rosie Talking Alarm Clock
Talking alarm reminders
Talking label reader for self-adhesive tactile labels
Talking medication organizer
Talking pill box with alarm or audible reminder
Talking watch for reminders
Vibrating reminder pill box



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GOODS (CONTINUED)

MEDICAL TELEHEALTH AND HEALTH TASKS

Automatic CPAP cleaner

Portable tablet, including screen protectors and protective cases, or basic laptop to facilitate telehealth appointments

Long-handled inspection mirror for feet or skin checks

Talking thermometer

Talking scale for provider-prescribed daily weight monitoring

MEMORY AND SAFETY AIDS

Automatic stove shutoff

Digital plug-in timer for lamp

Large digital clock with alarm or audible reminder

Motion-activated faucet

Refrigerator or freezer door sensor for when it is left open

Tracker to locate misplaced items

MOBILITY AND TRANSFER AIDS

Leg lifter

Lifting cushion

Swivel chair cushion

Transfer pole

Pivot disc

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND BATHING AIDS

Adapted rubber grip faucet covers

Adaptive nail clipper

Automatic motion-sensing soap dispenser

Electric shaver

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND BATHING AIDS (CONTINUED)

Hair dryer holder

Handheld detachable faucet sprayer to wash hair in sink

Light-up magnifying mirror

Long-handled hairbrush

Long-handled lotion or ointment applicator

Toothpaste dispenser

Universal cuff

SAFETY AIDS

Adaptive doorknob turner

Digital plug-in timer for lamp

Door alarm

Doorknob extender

Enlarged key holder

Light switch extender

Motion-activated light

Motion-sensing light sensor

Motion-sensing light socket

Keyless door lock mechanism for entry door, such as a keypad or fob, with remote

Wheelchair alarm

SHOPPING AIDS

Adaptive handwriting aid to write shopping lists

Cart to transport groceries

Large grip adapter for pens



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GOODS (CONTINUED)

SHOPPING AIDS (CONTINUED)

Calculator with large keys

Talking calculator

Talking calculator app

Talking money identifier

Universal cuff

TOILETING AIDS

Portable bidet sprayer or bidet add-on to existing toilet

Red toilet seat for if you have dementia

Toilet paper aid

TRANSPORTATION

Car door opener

Car grab bar and automotive standing aid

Easy-reach seat belt handle

Strap to get out of car

Swivel seat cushion for car

VISION AND COMMUNICATION AIDS

Adaptive writing tools

Amplified telephone

Doorbell alert system

Braille clothing tags

Braille tape labeler

Braille watch

Communication apps. For example: Dragon, Proloquo2Go, TouchChat, Sonoflex, TapSpeak Sequence, Scene and Heard, Predictable, Verbally Premium, ClaroCom Pro, GoTalk NOW or SoundingBoard

VISION AND COMMUNICATION AIDS (CONTINUED)

Computerized communication device

Device that mounts to glasses and converts text to speech, etc.

Electronic communication board

Head mouse for computer

Handheld device you point, click and it will read text

Telephone with large buttons

Large grip adapter for pens

Keyboard with large keys

Large-print keyboard stickers

Handheld or portable electronic magnifying glass

Pocket talker

Portable tablet, with screen protectors and protective cases, or laptop

Screen magnifier or screen magnification software

Telephone ring amplifier with flasher

Vibrating alarm clock

Vibrating watch

Vibrating bed shaker alarm clock



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GOODS (CONTINUED)

VISION AND COMMUNICATION AIDS (CONTINUED)

Visual alert alarm clock

Visual alert fire alarm and smoke detector

VISION AND COMMUNICATION AIDS (CONTINUED)

Voice amplifier

Voice telephone dialer

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

EVALUATION

Evaluation by an assistive technology professional to determine what assistive technology might best help a beneficiary with managing their activities of daily living with increased independence or improve their safety or well-being.

TRAINING

Training for assistive technology goods

INSTALLATION OR REPAIR

Installation of assistive technology goods by a registered provider. Examples include installing a video doorbell, downloading communication apps on a tablet or installing a motion-activated light sensor.

Repair of assistive technology goods by a registered provider.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND AIDS

BATHROOM SAFETY AIDS

Male or female urinal

Standard or fractured bedpan

New or rental commode with fixed or detachable arms. All sizes and varieties are covered.

Replacement commode pail or pan

Toilet seat-lift mechanism

Bath or shower stool, chair or bench of various sizes, including sliding and transfer bench

Bathtub rail, including wall and floor rails

Toilet rail

Raised toilet seats of various heights

INCONTINENCE SUPPLIES

Disposable or reusable incontinence products, such as briefs, diapers, protective underwear or pullups of all sizes

Disposable or reusable protective underpads

Disposable liners, pads and shields

MOBILITY AIDS

Canes, including replacement parts

Crutches, including replacement parts

Standard walkers, including brakes, replacement parts, etc.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND AIDS (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS

Repair or servicing of non-oxygen equipment

TED-type surgical stockings of various lengths

Surgical mask

MISCELLANEOUS (CONTINUED)

Gloves, non-sterile and sterile

Reaching, grabbing device

Manual stethoscope or automatic blood pressure monitoring equipment

CARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

BATHING AND HYGIENE AIDS

Bathing wipes or bath-in-a-bag

Bath mat

Inflatable bath basin for bed-baths

"Poop stool"

Sitz bath

Shampoo tray

Waterproof mattress cover

MOBILITY ACCESSORIES

Cupholder for walker

Motorized lift chair

Short, mini or threshold ramps that are typically less than eight feet long

Walker bag, basket or flashlight

HOME ACCESSORIES

Book holder

Blanket lifter

1/4- or 1/8-length handi-rails, such as bed rails

Waffle or egg crate mattress cushion

SAFETY ACCESSORIES

Bed alarm

Disposable medication dispensing cups

Hospital or slip-resistant socks

Smoker's apron

'Sharps' container

INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS

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Hand-controls

Left foot accelerator

Pedal and steering wheel extensions

Swivel seats

Wheelchair lift, including docking system/ tie-downs

VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Steering devices, such as spinner knobs, joysticks, etc.

Raised roof or dropped floor to accommodate a wheelchair

Installation of backup sensor



EXCLUSIONS

The following adaptive equipment and technology items are not allowed to be purchased using your WA Cares benefit:

- Any item purchased for recreational purposes
- Software, game applications or gift cards
- Exercise equipment
- Pressure-reducing support surfaces
- Hospital beds, including their accessories and other positioning devices
- Patient lifts and transfer devices, excluding lift chairs
- Wound care supplies
- Diabetic equipment and supplies
- Nutrition equipment and supplies
- Orthotic equipment and supplies
- Ostomy supplies
- Respiratory equipment and supplies
- Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation systems
- Wheelchairs, their accessories and replacement materials
- Eyeglasses, contact lenses and hearing aids
- Therapy or service animals and their related expenses
- Experimental or investigational medical devices or drugs

