

Home modifications

Home modifications (also known as environmental modifications) are changes to your rented or owned home to support your health, welfare, safety and independence. For example, if you use a wheelchair or other mobility device, this service can be used to install a walk-in shower or tub, widen doorways or add grab bars.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

If you are unsure which home modifications can make your home more accessible, consider using your benefits for a home safety evaluation.

A contractor can make changes to your rented or owned home to meet your needs. If you rent your home, you must have permission from the homeowner before modifying the property. Make sure you understand what your landlord is responsible for, and what your rights are, before making a modification.

You can not use your benefits to cover home improvements that are unrealted to your care needs or disability. Examples include carpeting or roof repair or adding to the home's square footage.

PROVIDERS

Some providers require proof of medical necessity before they modify your home. You are responsible for obtaining the necessary documentation and submitting it to your provider.

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 waclc.org/wacares.

RATES AND BILLING

Home modifications are billed as a lump sum for work completed. This means the total cost will be a sum of several things, such as hourly labor rate and materials. You must preapprove the full amount before the provider can begin work at your house.

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.

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