

COMMUNITY PATHWAYS WAIVER – Revised Draft Proposal

Service Type: Other Service

Service (Name):

Alternative Service Title: **VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS**

Service Definition:

- A. Vehicle modifications are adaptations or alterations to a vehicle that is the participant's primary means of transportation. Vehicle modifications are designed to accommodate the needs of the participant and enable the participant to integrate more fully into the community and to ensure the health, welfare and safety and integration by removing barriers to transportation.
- B. Vehicle modifications include :
 - 1. Assessment services to (a) help determine specific needs of the individual as a driver or passenger, (b) review modification options, and (c) develop a prescription for required modifications of a vehicle;
 - 2. Assistance with modifications to be purchased and installed in a vehicle owned by or a new vehicle purchased by the individual, or legally responsible parent of a minor or other caretaker as approved by DDA;
 - 3. Non-warranty vehicle modification repairs; and
 - 4. Training on use of the modification.
- C. Vehicle modifications do not include the purchase of new or used vehicles, general vehicle maintenance or repair, State inspections, insurance, gasoline, fines, tickets, or the purchase of warranties.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. A vehicle modification assessment and/or a driving assessment will be required when not conducted within the last year by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS).
- B. A prescription for vehicle modifications must be completed by a driver rehabilitation specialist or certified driver rehabilitation specialist. The prescription for vehicle modifications applies only to the year/make/model of the vehicle specified on the Vehicle Equipment and Adaptation Prescription Agreement (VEAPA).
- C. The vehicle owner is responsible for:
 - 1. The maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle; and
 - 2. Purchasing insurance on vehicle modifications. The program will not correct or replace vehicle modifications provided under the program that have been damaged or destroyed in an accident.
- D. Vehicle modifications are only authorized to vehicles meeting safety standards once modified.
- E. The Program cannot provide assistance with modifications on vehicles not registered under the participant or legally responsible individual. This includes leased vehicles.
- F. Vehicle modifications may not be provided in day, employment, and residential provider owned vehicles.

- G. Prior to accessing DDA funding for this service, all other available and appropriate funding sources, including but not limited to those offered by Maryland's Medicaid State Plan, Division of Rehabilitation Services ("DORS"), State Department of Education, and Department of Human Services, must be explored and exhausted. These efforts must be documented in the individual's file.
- H. To the extent that any listed services are covered under the State plan, the services under the waiver would be limited to additional services not otherwise covered under the State plan, but consistent with waiver objectives of avoiding institutionalization.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Vehicle modifications payment rates for services must be customary, reasonable according to current market values, and may not exceed a total of \$15,000 over a ten year period.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

- Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	DDA Approved Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider
Entity	For participants self-directing services - Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) Vendor

Provider Specifications for Services

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: DDA Approved Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

DDA Approved Organized Health Care Delivery System Providers as per COMAR Title 10 Chapter 22

OHCDS providers shall verify the licenses, credentials, and experience of all professionals with whom they contract or employs and have a copy of the same available upon request.

OHCDS must ensure the individual or entity performing the service meets the qualifications noted below:

- A. DORS approved vendor or DDA approved vendor;
- B. Vehicle Equipment and Adaptation Prescription Agreement (VEAPA) must be completed by a driver rehabilitation specialist or certified driver rehabilitation specialist; and
- C. The adaptive driving assessment specialist who wrote the Adapted Driving Assessment report and the VEAPA shall ensure the vehicle modification fits the consumer and the consumer is able to safely drive the vehicle with the new adaptations/equipment by conducting an on-site assessment and provide a statement as to whether it meets the individual's needs.

Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for verification of the OHCDS
- OHCDS providers for entities and individuals they contract or employ

Frequency of Verification:

- OHCDS certification – initial and annually
- OHCDS providers – prior to service delivery

Provider Category: Entity

Provider Type: For participants self-directing services - Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) approved vendor

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

The following minimum standards are required:

- A. Entity designated by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) as a Vehicle Modification service vendor.
- B. The Adapted Driving Assessment specialist who wrote the Adapted Driving Assessment report and the VEAPA shall ensure the vehicle modification fits the consumer and the consumer is able to safely drive the vehicle with the new adaptations/equipment by conducting an on-site assessment and provide a statement to meet the individual's needs.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

Fiscal Management Services

Frequency of Verification:

Prior to service delivery

Renewal Proposal