

Goods and Services Category Definitions

10.09.84.21 Covered Services — Transition Services.

A. Definition. "Transition service" means a service that is:

- (1) Not otherwise available under the Program;
- (2) Approved in the plan of service; and
- (3) Rendered to assist the participant in transitioning from an institution or a provider-owned residence to a home or community-based residence.

B. Transition services may include all or some of the following:

- (1) Security deposits;
- (2) Essential furnishings and moving expenses;
- (3) Set-up fees or deposits for utility services; and
- (4) Other health and safety assurances.

C. Transition services may not include recreational items including, but not limited to:

- (1) Televisions;
- (2) Cable television access; or
- (3) Gaming systems.

10.09.84.18 Covered Services — Items or Services that Substitute for Human Assistance.

A. The program covers items or services that increase a participant's independence or substitute for human assistance, to the extent that expenditures would otherwise be made for the human assistance.

B. Each item or service shall:

- (1) Be preauthorized in the participant's plan of service as necessary to:
 - (a) Prevent the participant's institutionalization; and
 - (b) Ensure the participant's health, safety, and independence;
- (2) Specifically relate to ADLs or IADLs within the approved plan of service;
- (3) Comply with policies and procedure guidance defined by the Department;
- (4) Meet necessary standards of manufacture, design, usage, and installation, if applicable;
- (5) Be provided in accordance with applicable State and local building codes and pass required inspections, if applicable; and
- (6) Not be prescribed primarily to provide comfort or convenience.

C. Each item or service shall be confirmed by the Program as not covered for the participant by:

- (1) Medicaid under the State Plan as durable medical equipment or pharmacy services under COMAR 10.09.03, 10.09.12, or 10.09.67;
- (2) Medicare; or
- (3) Any other third-party payer.

D. Excluded from coverage under this regulation are adaptations or improvements to the home which:

- (1) Are of general maintenance, such as carpeting, roof repair, and central air conditioning;
- (2) Are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant;
- (3) Add to the home's total square footage; or
- (4) Modify the exterior of the home, other than the provision of ramps.

All items purchased/requested through transition funds must be to help the participant transition back into the community. Please note that under each sub-category, all the items listed are the common approved items to be purchased using transition service funds:

- **Obtain Housing**
 - o Fee to secure housing
- **Secure Essential Utilities**
 - o Reconcile outstanding utility bills
- **Basic Furniture**
 - o Bed frame
 - o Mattress
 - o Sofa/couch/chairs
 - o Dining table/coffee table/bedside table/dressers
- **Essential Personal or Household Items**
 - o Toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels
 - o Bed sheets, blankets, pillows
 - o Kitchen items – knives, dishes, forks, spoons, pots, pans, etc.
 - o Drapes, rugs, lamps, light bulbs, telephone
 - o Laundry items, cleaning supplies
 - o Shirts, pants, shoes
- **Small Appliances**
 - o Microwave, toaster, small fridge, coffee maker, blender, mixer
- **Transition-related transportation**
 - o Transportation from facility to new residence on transition day
- **Other**

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- **Accessibility Equipment**
- **Companion Animal**
- **Groceries**
 - o Food items, drinks, spices, meat, fruit/vegetable, canned food, frozen food
- **Home Repairs**
- **Non Medical Transport for Community Integration**
- **Non Medical Transport to Secure Housing**
- **Nutritional Supplements**
- **OTC Medication**
- **Other**
 - o Cost of birth certificate copy needed to secure housing
- **Pest Eradication**
- **Pet Supplies**
 - o Supplies needed to maintain companion animal
- **Rehabilitation Equipment**