

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (Home Modifications)

Quick Reference Guide

What is Environmental Accessibility Adaptations?

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (Home Modifications) are services that assist with home changes to keep someone healthy, safe, and independent at home. These changes help people stay out of places like nursing homes.

Home modifications services provide:

- Building ramps and installing grab-bars to help Members get into their homes.
- Making doorways wider for Members who use wheelchairs.
- Installing lifts for stairs.
- Changing bathrooms and showers to be wheelchair accessible, like having a roll-in shower.
- Putting in special electric and plumbing systems for medical equipment.
- Setting up a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) Members who are often alone and need help quickly.

Who is Eligible?

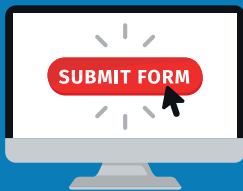
Individuals at risk for institutionalization in a nursing facility.

Required Documentation

1. **Information and Referral Form**
2. **Physical or occupational therapy evaluation and report** to evaluate the medical necessity of the requested equipment or service. This should typically come from an entity with no connection to the provider of the requested equipment or service. The physical or occupational therapy evaluation and report should contain at least the following:
 - a. An evaluation of the Member and the current equipment needs specific to the Member, describing how/why the current equipment does not meet the needs of the Member;
 - b. An evaluation of the requested equipment or service that includes a description of how/why it is necessary for the Member and reduces the risk of institutionalization. This should also include information on the ability of the Member and/or the primary caregiver to learn about and appropriately use any requested item, and
 - c. A description of similar equipment used either currently or in the past that has demonstrated to be inadequate for the Member and a description of the inadequacy.
3. If possible, a **minimum of two bids** from appropriate providers of the requested service, which itemize the services, cost, labor, and applicable warranties; and
4. That a **home visit** has been conducted to determine the suitability of any requested equipment or service.
5. The assessment and authorization for EAAs must take place within a 90-day time frame beginning with the request for the EAA.

How to submit authorization

Providers will submit a Treatment Authorization Form (TAR 50-1) attaching the Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Information and Referral form and supporting documents. The forms can be sent to CenCal Health through:



- Provider Portal
- By fax at (805) 681-3039 or
- By using the Community Supports secure link:
<https://gateway.cencalhealth.org/form/cs>

Unit of service: One (1)

HCPCS billing code: S5165, U6

T1028, U6 (One time Administrative Fee)

Setting: In-person

Frequency: Once per lifetime

Quantity: 1-6 (months) based on members needs

Date of Services: As needed, up to six (6) months



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a list of contracted Providers
<https://qrco.de/bedIvz>



Link to Provider FAQs:
<https://qrco.de/providerFAQ>



For more information please contact the CenCal Health Community Supports Unit.

- (805) 562-1698
- communitysupports@cencalhealth.org
(if email includes PHI, you must encrypt).

Fax referrals to (805) 681-3039.

