

Division of Developmental Disabilities
Durable Medical Equipment Prior Authorization Criteria

Subject: **Adaptive Aids**

Unit: Health Care Services

Adaptive Aids

PURPOSE: To explain the procedure for the purchase of adaptive aids/equipment, and to ensure the authorization of medically necessary and cost-effective purchases in a standard or expedited, and well-coordinated manner.

POLICY: Adaptive aids/equipment must be medically necessary, and documented by a PCP (Primary Care Provider) or therapist, and include a comprehensive explanation of how the member will benefit from the equipment.

PROCEDURE: Adaptive Aids Purchase

Adaptive aids/equipment must be medically necessary.

- a. Prescribed by the PCP, therapist, or other provider upon PCP referral.
- b. Documentation from a physician or therapist must establish the need for the equipment, the risk to the member without the equipment, and include a comprehensive explanation of how the member will benefit from the equipment.
- c. Covered adaptive aids/equipment should not duplicate existing equipment provided to the member.
- d. Requested adaptive aids/equipment will be reviewed by the joint consultation of the medical directors of the subcontractors and DES/DDD.
- e. Adaptive aids/equipment include but are not limited to the following:
 1. Traction equipment
 2. Feeding aids, including trays for wheelchairs and adapted feeding utensils
 3. Helmets
 4. Toileting aids, including bedpans, urinals, and commodes for bed bound members

5. Bathing aids, including shower chairs, portable baths, and hand-held shower heads
6. Wedges for positioning
7. Transfer aids
8. Other items determined to be medically necessary by joint consultation of the medical directors of the subcontractor and DES/DDD.