

## **Environmental Modifications**

- floor urinal and bidet adaptations;
  - turnaround space adaptations;
  - widening of doorways/hallways;
  - specialized accessibility/safety adaptations/additions;
  - installation of specialized electronic and plumbing systems to accommodate medical equipment and supplies;
  - handrails, grab-bars, door handle adaptations, trapeze and mobility track systems for home ceilings; or
  - automatic door opener/doorbells.
- Environmental Modifications include environmental controls incorporated into the house infrastructure such as:
    - voice, light, and /or motion-activated and electronic devices;
    - modified switches, outlets or other structural controls for home devices;
    - alarm, alert or signaling systems which do not duplicate such systems included with PST obtained under that separate service;
    - fire safety adaptations;
    - medically necessary air filtering devices;
    - medically necessary heating/cooling adaptations; or
    - glass substitutes for windows and doors or other structural safety modifications.
  - Improvements or repairs to the existing home, which do not provide direct medical, safety, or functional benefit to the person or which should be included as part of routine home maintenance, shall not be approved.
  - No duplicate environmental modifications shall be approved. For example, if the person has a safe and usable ramp, a replacement ramp shall not be approved.
  - Environmental modifications cannot be used to fund new residential construction, even if the new dwelling is designed to accommodate the needs of individuals with I/DD.
  - Equipment that is covered under the State of New Mexico's Medicaid program shall not be purchased under the DD Waiver.
  - The cost of the Environmental Modification plus the administrative fee shall not exceed the maximum cost of \$5,000.00 every five ISP years.

- Environmental Modification Service Provider (EMSP) must coordinate with the therapist and/or qualified individual who provided the assessment to acknowledge, document and assure planned modifications will meet the person's clinical and functional needs.