



*THERAPY
SOLUTIONS*

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Assistive Technology Services

Assistive Tech for Aging: DME

Durable medical equipment (DME) includes items that are medically necessary and intended for repeated use over an extended period. These devices are typically prescribed by healthcare professionals and are used to help individuals manage their health conditions at home. DME is essential for improving the quality of life for older adults with various medical needs, enabling the person to maintain independence and perform daily activities. These items may be paid for by Medicaid, Medicare or insurance.

Mobility Aides considered DME:



Power Wheelchair DME:



FDA Class II
Medical Device*



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Bathing equipment DME:



Power Bath Lift



Lifts DME:



Hospital bed DME:



Lift Chair (lift portion is DME):



Communication device DME:



Other items considered DME:



Assistive Tech for Aging: Home Mod

Ramps:



Ceiling lift:



Stair lifts:



Bathroom modifications:



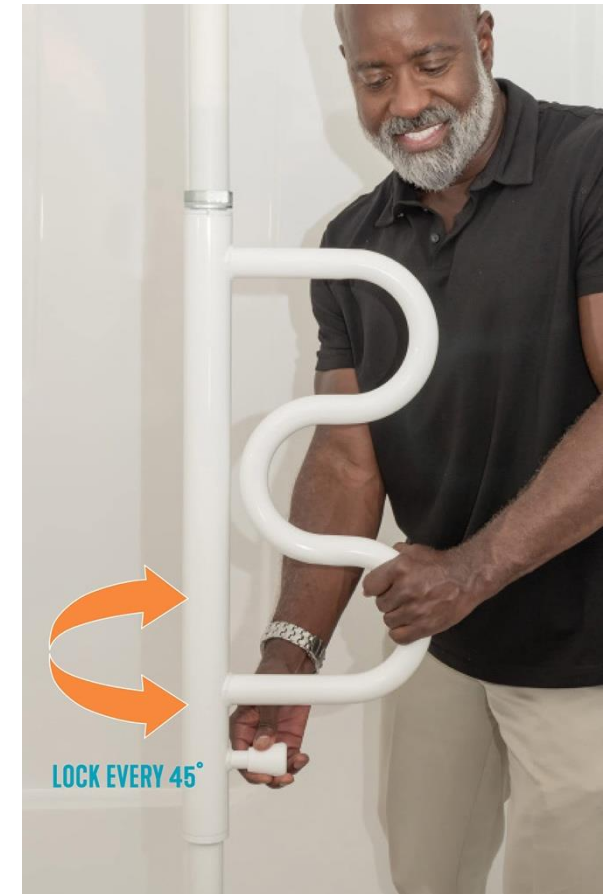
Kitchen modifications:



Door openers:



Simple items:



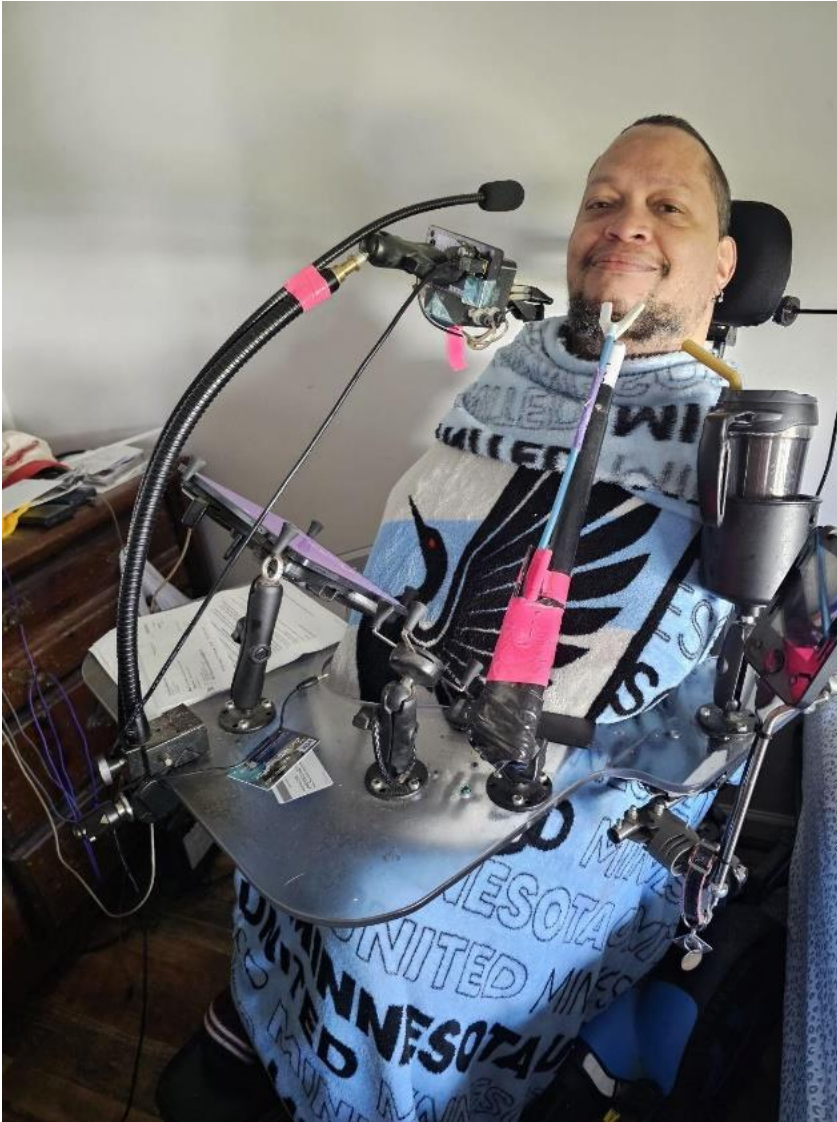
Stories:



Angela

A 50 year old woman.

She has limited movement due to Encephalopathy, seizures, respiratory disease and has a cochlear implant due to becoming deaf as an adult. She lives at home with her Parents.



Paulo

52-year-old gentleman

He suffered from an infectious parasitic disease at birth that resulted in paraplegia. Lives in His own home with his wife and son.



54-year-old gentleman.
Leon suffered a spinal cord injury
in his 20s and has been a
quadriplegic ever since.
Leon lives in greater MN in a home
with his mom.

Funding

Assessment

Training

Equipment

Medical funding:

Clinical doctor ordered services:

- Clinic based
- Home care but there are less options in the medical model
- Provided by professionals such as Speech, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist.

Equipment:

- AAC communication devices
 - Mobility Devices
 - Hospital Bed
 - Safety Bed
 - Durable Medical Equipment: Rehab shower chair, walkers
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Waiver Funding

- Social model services
 - ATP, therapist, MN-AS, or certifies or professionally educated professionals in AT.
 - Might occur in school, home, community or clinical setting.
 - AT equipment
 - Equipment not considered Durable Medical equipment or that is denied.
 - The next step after checking medical funding.
 - Needs a bid or bids/approval
 - Needs correct code for item
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Thank You

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