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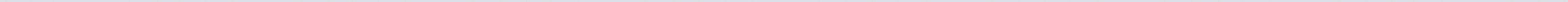
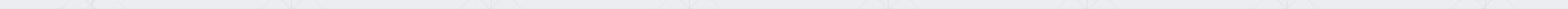
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Assistive Technology Services

# **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.

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# Mobility Aides considered DME:



# Power Wheelchair DME:



# Bathing equipment DME:



Power Bath Lift



# Lifts DME:



# Hospital bed DME:



# Lift Chair (lift portion is DME):



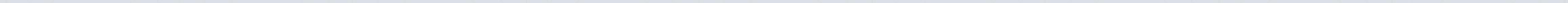
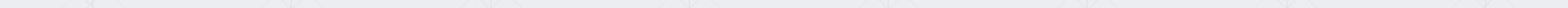
# Communication device DME:



# Other items considered DME:



# **Assistive Tech for Aging: Home Mod**



# Ramps:



# Ceiling lift:



# Stair lifts:



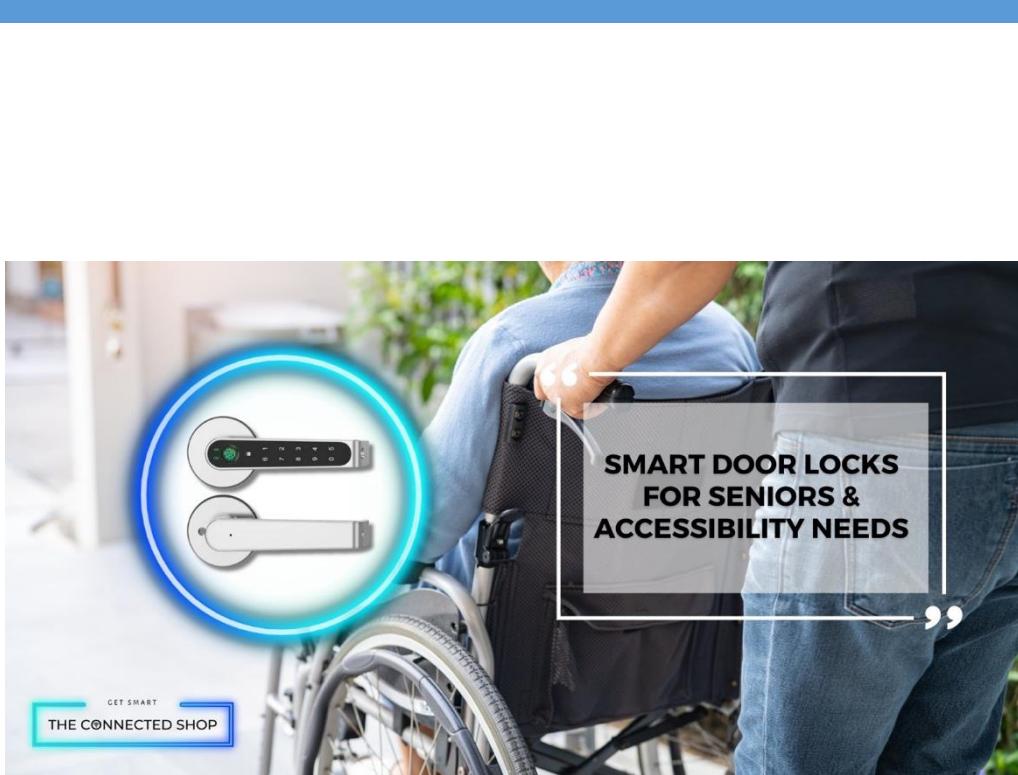
# Bathroom modifications:



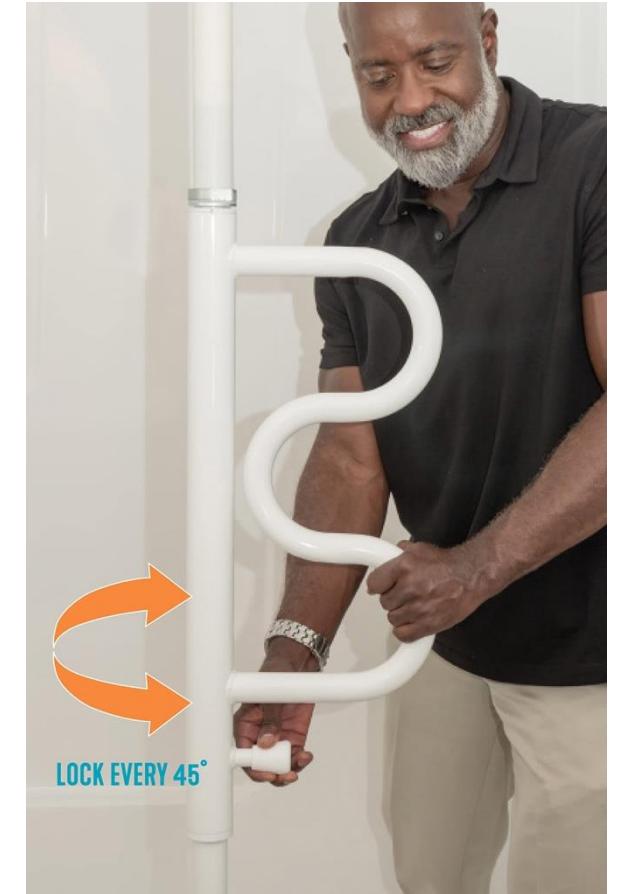
# Kitchen modifications:



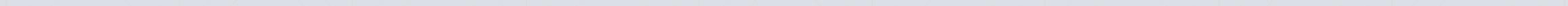
# Door openers:



# 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.



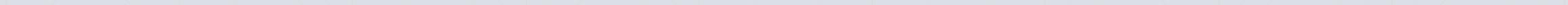
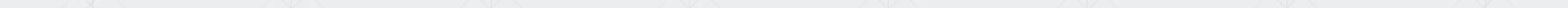
54-year-old gentleman.  
Leon suffered a spinal cord injury  
in his 20s and has been a  
quadriplegic ever since.  
Leon lives in greater MN in a home  
with his mom.

# **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

# 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

# Thank You

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