



## **Limitations and Special Considerations for Specialized Supplies (Minor Assistive Devices)**

**Definition:** Specialized supplies may include grab bars, versa frame (toilet safety frame), handheld shower and/or diverter valve, raised toilet seats, and other simple devices or appliances such as eating utensils, transfer bath bench, shower chair, aids for personal care (e.g. reachers) and standing poles to improve home accessibility adaptation, health or safety.

### **Limitations:**

- All items require Prior Authorization; however items on the DHS Approved List (GW-AD2) do not require a physician's order.
- All items must be recommended by an appropriately trained and certified health care professional or DHS social worker.
- Items must be necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the individual, or must enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home, and to avoid institutionalization.
- Items for diversional or entertainment purposes are not covered.
- Items should be of a nature that they are readily transferable if a recipient moves from their place of residence.
- Items cannot duplicate equipment provided under the Medicaid-funded primary and acute care system\* or through other sources of funding (i.e. Medicare, private insurance).
- Items not included on the DHS Approved List and priced greater than \$500.00 shall be considered Special Medical Equipment and will be subject to the policies and procedures for that service as described in the Core Services section of the Rhode Island Global Waiver.
- Total costs of **Specialized Supplies are limited to \$500** per recipient, per calendar year.
- This service is billable under HCPCS Code T2028.

\*Medical equipment funded under the primary and acute care system includes items such as wheelchairs, prosthetics, and orthotics. These are services that were provided under the authority of the Rhode Island Medicaid State Plan prior to the Global Waiver approval. These items are still available under the Global Waiver and are described at: <http://www.dhs.ri.gov/ForProvidersVendors/ServicesforProviders/ProviderManuals/DME/tabid/459/Default.aspx>