Minor Environmental Modifications

Minor Environmental Modifications may include grab bars, versa frames (toilet safety frames), raised toilet seats, transfer bath benches, shower chairs, and aids for personal care (e.g. reachers) to improve home accessibility adaptation, health or safety.

A. Coverage Guidelines:

- Equipment and appliances are items that are primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, generally are not useful to an individual in the absence of a disability, illness or injury, can withstand repeated use, and can be reusable or removable.

- All items require a physician’s order.

- Items must be necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the individual, or must enable the individual to attain or retain capability for independence or self care in the home, and to avoid institutionalization.

- Items should be of a nature that they are readily transferable if a recipient moves from his/her place of residence.

- Items should be billed under the appropriate HCPCS code. If item does not have an assigned HCPCS code, please use code A9999 (e.g. handheld shower and/or diverter valve, adaptive eating utensils, gait belt, shampoo tray, etc.).

- Items without an assigned HCPCS code require Prior Authorization by EOHHS.