

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DBHDD FACT SHEET

SERVICE: Specialized Medical Equipment

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:	X	SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Special Medical Equipment includes devices or controls specified in an Individual Service plan that provide ease of use for an individual to perform activities of daily living as well as assist an individual to interact more independently with their environment.
NOW	X	
COMP	X	
Self Direct	X	

SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- A. The need for Specialized Medical Equipment must be related to the individual's disability
- B. Individuals receiving specialized services only must have a specific goal relative to the equipment and that is included in the Individual Service Plan that is approved by the Regional Office
- C. Medical necessity for Specialized Medical Equipment services must be documented through an order by a Georgia Licensed Physician.

ITEMS COVERED:

1. Purchase of equipment or the lease of equipment when cost effective.
2. Equipment specified in the Individual Service Plan, which enables individuals to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living and to interact more independently with their environment.
3. Costs of assessment or training needed to assist individuals with use of covered devices.
4. Computers necessary for operating devices necessary to perform activities of daily living.
5. Customizing a device to meet a covered individual's needs.
6. Replacement or repair of equipment is covered in cases of special circumstances.

ITEMS NOT COVERED:

1. Equipment that has been denied through the DME and other programs for lack of medical necessity.
2. Equipment covered under the Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics and Prosthetics, and Hearing Services programs and other Medicaid non-waiver programs.
3. Environmental control equipment; Comfort or convenience equipment.
4. Institutional-type equipment; Equipment designed specifically for use by a physician and trained medical personnel.
5. Elevators, chair lifts, and indoor ceiling lift systems.
6. Home security items; Furnishing-type equipment.
7. Physical fitness equipment.