



Assistive Technology

Service Options Waiver Training

Applicable to:

- **Developmental Disability Waiver**
- **Acquired Brain Disorder Waiver**
- **In Home Supports Waiver**

Waiver Definition



Assistive Technology includes training or technical assistance for professionals or other individuals who provide services to, employ or are otherwise substantially involved in the life of the individual.

- Adaptive equipment may only include items of durable and non-durable medical equipment necessary to address the individual's functional limitations and specified in the service agreement.
- Adaptive equipment may be covered so long as it is necessary to address the individual's functional limitations and is not to be used for recreational purposes.
- May include performance of assessments to identify type of equipment needed by the individual.

How Does This Help Me Achieve My Goals?



Assistive Technology includes tools and devices that help individuals perform daily activities more independently or interdependently. This technology is provided based on the individual's specific needs and is outlined in their service agreement. It is intended to address limitations and is not for recreational use. Assessments may be conducted to determine the appropriate type of equipment needed.

Assistive Technology Scenario



Background

Sarah is a 25-year-old woman with a developmental disability. She lives with her parents, who are her primary caregivers. Sarah is an individual who loves art, music, and spending time with her friends. However, she faces challenges in communication and performing daily living activities independently. With the support of her family and service coordinator, Sarah is dedicated to achieving greater independence and enhancing her quality of life.



Accessing and Using the Service

Sarah and her family wanted to obtain assistive technology supports to improve her independence. With support from her service coordinator, Sarah identified a local service provider to see if they could provide the supports needed. After an assessment of her communication skills, daily activities, and social interactions, a service agreement was developed. This plan set goals for improving Sarah's communication and daily task performance, involving a team of professionals including an assistive technology specialist. Sarah was introduced to a speech-generating device and smart home devices like voice-activated lights and a smart refrigerator. Sarah and her family received training on using these devices and supports, with ongoing support from the service provider to ensure proper use and address any challenges.



Outcome of the Service

The introduction of assistive technology had a positive impact on Sarah. The speech-generating device improved Sarah's communication, allowing her to express her thoughts and needs more clearly, which reduced frustration and improved interactions with family and friends. Smart home devices enabled her to perform daily tasks independently, boosting her confidence and self-reliance. Sarah felt more empowered and less stressed, as the devices provided tools to support her development, allowing her to work towards her good life.

*All examples are illustrative and not based on individuals supported.

Service Limits and ISA Requirements

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Service Limit

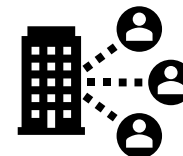
\$10,000 Over 5 years

- **Available Remotely – Yes**
- **Acute Care - Yes**

ISA Requirement(s)

Individual service agreement (ISA) will specify the following:

- 1) The item
- 2) The name of the healthcare practitioner recommending the item
- 3) An evaluation or assessment regarding the appropriateness of the item
- 4) A goal related to the use of the item
- 5) The anticipated environment that the item will be used
- 6) Current modifications to item/product and anticipated future modifications and anticipated cost



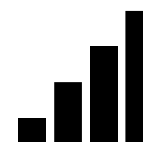
Remote Services

When a service can be offered **remotely**, it means you don't have to be **physically present** at a specific location to use it.



Acute Care

When services can be accessed in **acute care**, it means that individuals who are in a **hospital or another urgent care facility** can still **receive these important services**.



Service Limits

When waived services have limits, it means there are **specific restrictions or caps** on the types, amounts, or costs of services that can be provided under a waiver program.