

CDCS unbundled service category: Environmental modifications – home modifications

For the **previous** version of this policy (i.e., before unbundling), refer to [CDCS Manual – CDCS service category: Environmental modifications and provisions](#).

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Legal authority	Federally approved BI, CAC, CADI, DD and EW waiver plans, AC program (Min Stat. §256B.0913)	
Unbundling project	This page includes CDCS unbundled service category policy. When a person transitions to the unbundled CDCS service categories, they will use the policy on this page. For information about who must use this new policy, refer to the Dec. 10, 2024, eList announcement .	
Definitions	<p>Environmental modifications – home modifications: Modifications or items to maintain the person’s home that either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the person live in and participate in the community. • Are required to maintain the person’s health and wellbeing. <p>Home: For purposes of this page, "home" refers to the person’s primary place of residence (i.e., not a vacation home).</p> <p>Monitoring technology: Monitoring or surveillance systems, including cameras, motion detectors, GPS trackers, home security systems, door alarms and window alarms.</p>	
Overview	This page includes information about CDCS home modifications. For information about CDCS vehicle modifications, refer to CDCS Manual – Unbundled service category: Environmental modifications – vehicle modifications . For information about other CDCS service categories, refer to CDCS Manual – Unbundled service categories .	
Covered services	All CDCS services must meet the criteria on CDCS Manual – Allowable and unallowable goods and services under CDCS . This CDCS service category covers the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home modification. • Monitoring technology. 	
Non-covered services	This CDCS service category does not cover home modifications that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add any square footage, with the exception square footage necessary to make a bathroom accessible. Note: The lead agency can request DHS approval to increase the square footage of a home to build or modify an accessible bathroom by following the process on CBSM – Environmental accessibility adaptations (EAA) additional square footage. • Modify a residence other than the person’s primary residence or, in the event of a minor with parents not living together, the parents’ primary residences. 	
Assessments	<p>Alternative Care (AC) and Elderly Waiver (EW) For people on AC and EW, EAA home assessments are paid through the CDCS waiver budget using code T2028.</p> <p>Brain Injury (BI), Community Alternative Care (CAC), Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI) and Developmental Disabilities (DD) For people on BI, CAC, CADI and DD, EAA home assessments are paid through the county/tribal nation waiver budget and must be included on separate service agreement line items using code T1028 – EAA/Home Assessment.</p>	
Service limits	AC and EW	

	<p>For all people on AC and EW (including people using CDCS), lead agencies must follow the service limits located on Long-Term Services and Supports Service Rate Limits DHS-3945 (PDF) per service agreement/waiver year for environmental accessibility adaptations, which includes both CDCS vehicle modifications and home modifications. For more information, refer to the AC and EW service limits section of CBSM – EAA.</p> <p>BI, CAC, CADI and DD</p> <p>For all people on BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers (including people using CDCS), lead agencies must follow the service limit and exception process (if applicable) of \$40,000 per service agreement/waiver year for environmental accessibility adaptations, which includes both CDCS vehicle modifications and home modifications.</p> <p>Exceptions</p> <p>A case manager may request an exception from DHS to exceed the annual limit of \$40,000. Approved exceptions allow the lead agency to authorize an additional \$40,000 from the person’s service allotment for the following year, for a maximum of \$80,000 for a two-year period.</p> <p>For more information, refer to the BI, CAC, CADI and DD service limits section of CBSM – EAA.</p>
<p>Costs</p>	<p>AC and EW</p> <p>People on AC or EW uses funds from their individual CDCS AC or EW waiver budget to pay for home modifications.</p> <p>For more information, refer to the CDCS on AC and EW section on DHS – EAA frequently asked questions.</p> <p>Monitoring technology</p> <p>A person who wants to use CDCS funds to purchase monitoring technology must follow service guidelines on CBSM – Monitoring technology usage.</p> <p>BI, CAC, CADI and DD</p> <p>For monitoring technology and home and vehicle modifications, a person on BI, CAC, CADI or DD must pay the first \$5,000 from their CDCS budget during the service agreement/waiver year of the expenditure(s) for home modifications, vehicle modifications and monitoring technology. Regardless of the number of modifications and technology items needed during the plan year, the person’s annual contribution is limited to \$5,000.</p> <p>When costs exceed \$5,000 and the lead agency approves additional funding, the lead agency can use its overall waiver allocation (when applicable) to pay for item(s). The lead agency should authorize these costs on the service agreement separately outside of the person’s individual CDCS budget (refer to Instructions for Completing and Entering the LTCC Screening Document and Service Agreement into MMIS, DHS-4625 [PDF]).</p> <p>For more information, refer to the CDCS on disability waivers section on DHS – EAA frequently asked questions.</p> <p>If a person chooses to use more than \$5,000 from their budget to pay for more monitoring technology or home and vehicle modifications, they can choose to do so.</p> <p>Monitoring technology</p> <p>A person who wants to use CDCS funds to purchase monitoring technology must follow service guidelines on CBSM – Monitoring technology usage.</p>
<p>Provider standards and qualifications</p>	<p>Lead agencies are responsible to verify the qualifications of providers of environmental modifications – home modifications.</p> <p>Home modification or monitoring technology providers must have a current</p>

	<p>license or certificate, if required by Minnesota Statutes or administrative rules, to perform the service. A modification services provider must meet all professional standards and/or training requirements that may be required by Minnesota Statutes or administrative rules for the services they provide. For information about requirements for specific providers, refer to Department of Labor and Industry – Residential contractor licensing.</p> <p>If state law does not mandate provider licenses, certificates or credentialing for a specific provider, the person who receives services must document the provider’s qualifications in their CDCS community support plan (CSP).</p> <p>Building codes and inspections</p> <p>Providers of home modifications must ensure the modifications meet building codes and be inspected by the appropriate building authority.</p>
<p>Additional resources</p>	<p>CBSM – Additional square footage CBSM – Monitoring technology usage CDCS Manual – Unbundled service categories CDCS Manual – Unbundled service category: Environmental modifications – ve modifications DHS – EAA frequently asked questions</p>