

Care at Home Waiver e-mod

The Care at Home Waiver is a program of the **New York State Department of Health**

Eligibility:

- Families with a child who is under the age of 18 that has physical disabilities according to SSI criteria. Family income may exceed the Medicaid income levels. The provision of home and community based services is an alternative to institutional care for these children. Child must be eligible for the waiver program before s/he can access e-mod services.

For a listing of local program offices go to:

Please see the document- “care at home providers” in the main menu for a printable list of local offices

How to apply for assistance:

- Family must apply to the Care At Home Coordinator at the Local Department of Social Services in the county they reside.
- Complete a Medicaid application; provide financial and medical information; have a disability determination, home health assessment and a level of care determination.
 - This program is also able to pay for vehicle modifications**

To qualify for a home modification:

- Physician’s statement that the modification is medically necessary.
- The need must be identified in the child’s case management plan of services.
- Permission of building owner if a rental property.
- Evaluation completed by a rehabilitative evaluation agency, such as United Cerebral Palsy or Independent Living Center, a local governmental agency or independent building contractor.

Modifications not covered by this program:

- Build any portion of new housing -or- Build room extensions or additional rooms or spaces beyond the existing structure of a dwelling –or- Renovate or build a room for the use of physical therapy equipment.
- Purchase equipment such as any therapeutic equipment or supplies, exercise equipment, televisions, VCRs, DVDs, personal computers, swimming pools, hot tubs, whirlpools. steam baths, saunas etc.
- Pave driveways, Purchase and install an elevator.
- Purchase central air conditioning, a freestanding air conditioner, humidifier.
- Purchase items that primarily benefit members of the household other than the waiver participant.

Maximum assistance levels:

Child currently has a \$20,000 lifetime cap for home modifications.

For further information about **The Care At Home Waiver** please visit:

www.health.state.ny.us