

Policy Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care

Due date:

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	K Plan Ancillary Services: Home Repairs		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:	Immediately	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/SPPD/APDRules/411-035.pdf		

Discussion/interpretation:

Historically, environmental modifications that are covered under K Plan Ancillary Services (OAR 411-035-0060) have been primarily limited to home accessibility, such as construction of a wheelchair ramp or installation of a roll-in shower. These services continue to be eligible for payment under K Plan Ancillary Services. Home maintenance continues to be ineligible for payment under K Plan Ancillary Services.

However, the Department has determined that in certain situations, it may be appropriate to fund the cost of home repairs under K Plan Ancillary Services when the repair directly meets the criteria in OAR 411-035-0060(1)(a)-(c):

- (1) Environmental modifications in the consumer's home must be:
 - (a) To ensure the health, welfare and safety of the consumer.
 - (b) To enable the consumer to function with greater independence.
 - (c) To substitute for human assistance.

For example, if the flooring in the kitchen has decayed and is covered with overlapping sheets of plywood such that a consumer cannot navigate safely with their walker or wheelchair, the consumer may be eligible for funding under K Plan Ancillary Services to repair the flooring.

Home repairs may be considered only in those cases in which the consumer owns the home. Repairs in rental properties will not be considered as those are the responsibility of the property owner.

The repair must be directly related to meeting the criteria above and must be specific to an ADL. Home repairs involving plumbing, roofs, and heating and cooling continue to be excluded (see OAR 411-035-0060(2)). Repairs should meet the consumer's minimum necessary needs and must be appropriate and cost-effective.

As with other K Plan Ancillary Services, three bids are required. If it is not possible to obtain three bids, please explain in the body of the request submitted to KPlan.Requests@dhsosha.state.or.us. Consumer consent forms are required and should be submitted with the bids. All required forms can be found on the Case Management Tools webpage under K Plan Ancillary Services.

All home repair requests must be pre-authorized by Central Office and cannot be approved by local offices. Funding will not be approved to retroactively reimburse a consumer or natural supports for home repairs. All home repair work must be done by a licensed contractor who is an enrolled K Plan provider.

Training/communication plan: N/A

Local/branch action required: Review this information with case managers.

Central Office action required: Review requests for funding.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

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