

Adaptive Devices Program

Empowering individuals with disabilities who choose to live independently in the setting of their choice sometimes is as simple as obtaining adaptive devices. Adaptive devices can assist an eligible individual with a disability to maintain or improve function and conserve energy.

This program is funded through the State of South Dakota who has set guidelines for services and equipment. Below is a chart listing some examples of items that have and have not been approved in the past.

Items that have been APPROVED:

Medication organizers	Talking watches
Adaptive cups	Communication board
Jar openers	Laundry bag
Touch lamps	Waterpik
Grab bars	Kitchen cart
Communication devices	Utility cart
Showerhead	Sit/stand stool
Shower chair	Diabetic foot kit
Hand held shower	Stair glide/chair
Raised toilet seat	Vehicle step
Sock puller	Pan holder
One handed can opener	Reacher
Eating utensils	Long-handled shoe horn
Lift chair	Vehicle modifications

Items that have been DENIED:

Front loading washing machine	Sitting porch on a ramp
Countertop dishwasher	Four track cassette player
Hearing aids	2nd vehicle or 2nd home modification
Electro larynx	Handrail for hospital bed
Lumbar support pillows	Exercise equipment

The scope of services do not include medical, prosthetic or orthotic devices (hospital beds or related equipment, wheelchairs, artificial limbs, devices for supporting or assisting limb functions, etc.), medical supplies and medications. Other examples outside the scope of services are: telecommunication equipment, expensive adapted silverware instead of regular adapted utensils, ramps constructed of expensive materials (solid oak) instead of treated lumber, etc. The State of South Dakota reserves the right to determine what devices are within the scope of services.

Other agencies that may be able to assist you are:

Churches: Contact your local churches

DakotaLink: www.dakotalink.tie.net

Lutheran Brotherhood:

Lions Club: Contact your local area club

Easter Seals: www.easterseals.com

Knights of Columbus: Contact you local area club

Sertoma Club: Contact you local area club

Veterans Administration: www.va.gov

Veterans of Foreign Wars: www.vfw.org

Disabled American Veterans: www.dav.org

March of Dimes: www.marchofdimes.com

Multiple Sclerosis Society: www.nmss.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association: www.mdausa.org

Childrens Miracle Network: www.cmn.org

Statewide Family Support Program: www.state.sd.us/dhs/dd/family

Adult Services: www.state.sd.us/social/ASA

Local School District

Rehabilitation Services: www.state.sd.us/dhs/drs/

Service to Blind and Visually Impaired: www.state.sd.us/dhs/sbvi/