

## Arc Guide

### Request for Assistive Technology (AT) Funding Through Medical Assistance



Here are basic guidelines and information to consider when requesting funding for assistive technology (AT) from Medical Assistance (Medicaid).

#### Department of Human Services Criteria

(all 6 criteria must be met)

1. Is the assistive technology medically necessary?
2. Does the assistive technology meet the individual needs of the person?
3. Is the assistive technology appropriate for the person's disability?
4. Is the requested assistive technology from a reputable company with all the appropriate licenses?
5. Is the device being requested the least expensive device that can meet the person's needs?
6. Would purchasing the device be an appropriate use of the program's money?

#### Information That Needs to be Included with the Request

- A letter or doctor's order telling why the assistive technology is medically necessary
- Proof that the assistive technology will meet the person's needs and that the person is able to use it.
- Written reports justifying the need from all appropriate persons in order to prove that all six criteria are met.

#### Medical Necessity

- Would someone with the same condition need the assistive technology regardless of whether they have Medical Assistance?
- Does a medical condition necessitate the assistive technology?
- Will the assistive technology enable the person to function as anyone else with the same condition?

#### The Department of Human Services Must Include in Their Decision

- Whether they approve or reject the request.
- The reason for their decision.
- The specific rules used to make the decision.
- Appeal rights and information on how to appeal.
- Statement of the right to continue assistive technology until the issues are settled.

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