

Family Support 360 (FS360) Assistive Technology Overview

What is Assistive Technology?

Technology that helps you in daily life. This includes devices, software, and systems that help you do everyday tasks. Examples include things that help you:

- **Talk**, like speech-generating devices and voice amplifiers.
- **Communicate**, like a voice-to-text software on an iPad.
- **Be independent**, like smart home devices (Alexa / Google Home).
- **Move**, like wheelchair vehicle lifts.



How can I get Assistive Technology through FS360?

1. Be authorized through one of these FS360 services:




- Specialized Medical Adaptive Equipment and Supplies (SMAES)
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptive Equipment
- Vehicle Modifications
- Recreation, Leisure, and Social Opportunities
- Other Expenses





2. Work with your Family Support Coordinator to add Assistive Technology to your service plan and purchase it, if approved.



What Assistive Technology Can I Get?


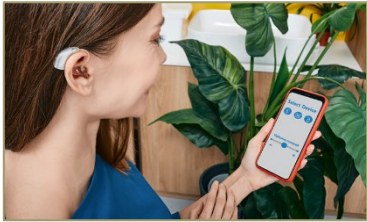

The chart below shows how you can use FS360 services to buy Assistive Technology. This summary only includes a few examples of available Assistive Technology. Reach out to your Family Support Coordinator, talk to DDD, or read the [FS360 Billing Manual](#) for more examples.

Waiver Service	When Do I Use This Service?	Assistive Technology Examples
Specialized Medical Adaptive Equipment and Supplies (SMAES) 	When you need a device, medical equipment, or appliance to help you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do necessary daily tasks • Communicate • Control your environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory equipment like noise-cancelling headphones • Adaptive eating tools, adaptive beds, and adaptive clothing. • Thickening agents

<p>Environmental Accessibility Adaptive Equipment (EAA)</p> 	<p>When you need to change parts of your home to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your health, well-being, or safety • Be more independent • Continue living at home and in your community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power door openers and locks • Wheelchair lifts • Door sensors and cameras • Ceiling track systems
<p>Vehicle Modification</p> 	<p>When you need to change parts of your primary car or van to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be more involved in the community • Ensure your health, well-being, or safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchair vehicle lifts • Conversions including rear, side access, and pickup
<p>Non-Waiver Service</p>	<p>When Do I Use This Service?</p>	<p>Assistive Technology Examples</p>
<p>Recreation, Leisure, and Social Opportunities</p> 	<p>When you need Assistive Technology to do recreational activities that help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialize • Find a sense of purpose • Fit into the community • Build your identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beeper Balls • Adaptive Fishing Rod • Soccer Ball with Rattle Pods • Pool lift
<p>Other Expenses</p> 	<p>When you need Assistive Technology that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn't fall under another service • You need urgently • Relates to your disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPS tracking system like Angel Sense (with documented safety need)

How Else Can I Purchase Assistive Technology?

You can get Assistive Technology through other South Dakota programs. These programs may help you get technology that is unavailable to you through the FS360 waiver. The chart below lists a few of these programs. For more information, contact your Family Support Coordinator.

Program	Program Summary
<p data-bbox="201 264 402 300">Dakota Link</p> 	<p data-bbox="786 264 1390 386">Helps people with disabilities access assistive technology. Dakota Link provides:</p> <ul data-bbox="786 396 1390 527" style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive equipment and software • Training services • Evaluation services
<p data-bbox="201 548 688 669">The Telecommunications Equipment Distribution (TED) Program</p> 	<p data-bbox="786 548 1390 711">The TED program gives free special equipment to people who are deaf, deaf-blind, have severe hearing loss, or have difficulty speaking.</p>
<p data-bbox="201 974 753 1056">The Telecommunications Adaptive Devices (TAD) Program</p> 	<p data-bbox="786 974 1414 1138">The TAD program gives devices to help people with disabilities communicate through phone systems. These devices can include:</p> <ul data-bbox="786 1148 1414 1419" style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully voice-activated phones • Main street emergency messenger phones • Picture dialing phones • Large button phones • Other equipment

Please Note:

You are not allowed to use FS360 services to buy:

- Cell phones
- Internet
- Cable, satellite, or streaming

You can use the TAD program to purchase cell phones. To learn more about the program, you can email InfoRS@state.sd.us.