

Specialized Medical and Adaptive Equipment and Supplies (SMAES) Service Overview

What is SMAES?

SMAES helps you get items that:



- Help you do activities of daily living
- Let you understand or control your environment
- Help you communicate



SMAES also helps you get:



- Items for your physical health
- Medical equipment
- Items that help meet your sensory needs

How to get an item through SMAES

To get an item through SMAES, you need to show that:



- You need it for your medical needs or disability.
- It meets a behavioral, physical, emotional, or mental need.
- It is listed in your service plan.
- It helps you do tasks or helps your caregiver care for you at home.
- It makes you more independent or keeps you healthy and safe.
- It is not covered by Medicaid or private insurance.



What items can I get through SMAES?

Allowable Items	Non-Allowable Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Modified bicycles or tricycles✓ Wheelchair parts and repairs✓ Adaptive clothing and shoes✓ Communication devices recommended by a therapist, school, or doctor✓ Bathing lifts/chairs✓ Adaptive eating and cooking utensils✓ Medication reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Therapies and related items✗ Items that are not needed to stay in your home or community✗ Regular clothing✗ Non-adaptive furniture✗ Non-medical supplies like cleaning products✗ Educational items✗ Small home appliances✗ Entertainment electronics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sensory equipment like noise-cancelling headphones and weighted blankets ✓ Electronic tablets for communication ✓ Thickening agents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Toys like fidget spinners ✗ Eyeglasses, frames, and lenses ✗ Recreational or exercise equipment ✗ Incontinence supplies ✗ Items that don't directly help with everyday tasks or medical needs ✗ Items covered by Medicaid
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Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
How do I know if an item is covered by Medicaid?	Work with your coordinator and medical equipment provider.
What else do I need to submit to get an item?	You need to submit a Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code.