Title III-B: Home Modifications Service Definitions

Applicable Rules and Regulations

This service is governed by:

- Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III-B
- Indiana Medicaid Waiver
- CoAction Policies and Procedures

Program Purpose

The Home Modifications Program provides environmental adaptations that enable older adults and individuals with disabilities to live safely and independently in their homes. These modifications are designed to reduce risk, prevent falls, improve accessibility, and support the health and well-being of individuals receiving services under Title III of the Older Americans Act and Indiana Medicaid Waiver requirements.

Eligible Participants

- Individuals aged 60 and older who are at risk of institutionalization.
- Individuals with disabilities under Indiana CHOICE or Medicaid Waiver programs.
- The home must be the primary residence of the participant.
- Priority is given to those with the greatest social and economic need, including low-income and rural individuals.

Allowable Services

- Installation of grab bars, handrails, and ramps.
- Bathroom modifications (e.g., roll-in showers, raised toilet seats, accessible sinks).
- Widening of doorways for mobility devices.
- Installation of stair lifts or platform lifts (as appropriate).
- Lighting improvements to reduce fall risk.
- Other modifications that directly support mobility, safety, and independence.

All modifications must meet ADA standards, local building codes, and Medicaid Waiver requirements.

Non-Allowable Services

- New construction or general home repairs not related to accessibility or safety.
- Structural modifications that are not medically necessary or not directly related to functional limitations.
- Modifications to rental properties without landlord consent.

Provider Requirements

- Providers must be licensed, bonded, and insured contractors with experience in accessibility modifications.
- All work must comply with ADA standards, Indiana building codes, and applicable Medicaid Waiver guidelines.
- Providers must obtain all necessary permits and pass required inspections.

Documentation and Reporting Standards

- Complete a pre-assessment identifying the participant's functional needs and home safety risks.
- Obtain physician or case manager verification of medical necessity when applicable.

- Maintain signed consent from the participant or legal representative.
- Provide before and after photos of the modification site.
- Keep records of invoices, receipts, and permits on file.
- Report the number of homes modified, types of modifications completed, and participant demographic data (age, gender, race, rural status, poverty level) monthly to CoAction.

Unit of Service
One completed home modification project per participant = 1 unit of service.

Funding Sources
Older Americans Act Title III-B, Indiana Medicaid Waiver, CHOICE Program, other matching funds as applicable

Service Authorization
All home modifications require prior authorization from CoAction case management staff. Providers must submit a detailed project scope, cost estimate, and timeline for approval before work begins.

Quality Assurance
CoAction will conduct post-installation reviews and may visit sites to ensure compliance with service requirements. Providers agree to site monitoring and records review.

Purpose and Alignment with the Older Americans Act
This service is part of CoAction's mission to reduce barriers to care, promote health equity, and support independent living for older adults and individuals with disabilities. It aligns with the OAA's focus on access, inclusion, and service delivery in the least restrictive environment.