

Tennessee Family Support Program

All requests must directly relate to the needs of the person with a disability {applicant}

The Family Support Program does not generally provide funding for the following items/services:

Rent, utilities, property taxes
Car payments, gasoline, car insurance
Routine car maintenance (oil changes, tune ups, etc...)
Health insurance premiums
Cosmetic repairs to the home
General clothing, school supplies, school trips
Televisions, cameras, video games/devices, toys
Groceries, Household items, Furniture (except mattresses & lift chairs)
Vacations, Pools, Trampolines, Swing Sets, toys

The following is an overview of services/supports frequently funded by the Family Support Program:

Specialized Equipment	Specialized equipment includes assistive devices, adaptive aids, communication devices, hearing devices, orthotics, sensory items, specialized lifts, positioning equipment, wheelchairs, seating devices, adaptive special needs strollers/car seats, safety related devices, assistive technology and software.
Health Related	Health related includes services provided by a licensed health provider and may include dental care, vision/hearing care, medicine, medical bills, and therapies. Health Related may also cover the cost of non-prescription items such as over the counter medications, toileting supplies, first aid supplies and other items needed for the health or welfare of the person with a disability.
Behavior Services	Behavior therapy services include assessment and implementation of behavior intervention strategies. Behavior Services must be provided by a credentialed professional.
Specialized Nutrition	Specialized nutrition may include services performed by a Nutritionist or Dietician and food items such as ensure, boost, thick-it, and feeding tube meals.
Home Modifications	Home modifications may include physical modifications to the applicant's place of residence that are needed to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the person or to enable the person to function with greater independence. Examples include, but are not limited to: wheelchair ramps, widening of doorways, modifications of bathroom. *Modifications (except wheelchair ramps) cannot be completed to rental homes or Section 8 homes. Proof of home ownership will be required. All modifications must be completed by a licensed contractor.

Vehicle Modifications	Vehicle modifications include lifts that allow access to the vehicle, interior modifications such as grab bars, head/leg rests, devices to secure wheelchairs in a stationary position, safety belts, steering control adaptations, changes to car pedals, and remote switches.
Day Care	Day care is a service that typically provides out of home care for a child or adult on a regular ongoing basis. Daycare includes both facility based and community based day services.
Respite	Respite is a service that provides a break for the caregiver. It is also referred to as “sitter services”. Paid service providers cannot be the spouse, the parent or guardian/conservator of an adult or minor child, or another family member living in the same residence as the person receiving respite services.
Personal Assistance	Personal assistance provides in-home or community support to a person with a disability. Services may include assistance with bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, eating, meal preparation, laundry, general housecleaning, grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, and medical appointments. Paid service providers cannot be the spouse, the parent or guardian/conservator of an adult or minor child, or another family member living in the same residence as the person receiving the personal assistance.
Recreation/ Summer Camp	Recreation/summer camp may include, but is not limited to, the cost of attendance at camp for either a child or adult with disabilities, therapeutic activities, horse therapy, swimming, YMCA activities, and participation in other community recreational activities.
Medical Travel	Medical travel includes mileage and/or lodging associated with transporting the applicant to/from medical appointments. If the applicant has TennCare, they must apply through TennCare for reimbursement of trips over 90 miles.
Transportation	Transportation includes the cost minor auto repairs to ensure a person with a disability has access to their community and medical appointments.

Do you have a need that is not listed? Please contact us!

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