

Summary

Objective

Rehabilitation equipment is a reusable aid that assists a client with their daily living activities. This includes a wide range of equipment, eg a buttering board to assist with meal preparation or a power chair. We're responsible for assessing our clients' needs and providing the rehabilitation equipment required as a result of personal injury.

Rehabilitation equipment falls under the category of Aids and appliances. You can visit this page for information on other aids and appliances, descriptions, decision-making, and coverage.

Owner Name withheld

Expert Name withheld

Procedure

1.0 Aids and appliances

 Aids and Appliances Policies Group

2.0 Who can receive rehabilitation equipment?

- a** A client is eligible to receive rehabilitation equipment if they have:
 - an accepted claim, and
 - an entitlement to receive funding for rehabilitation equipment (social or vocational).

3.0 How are requests for equipment sent to ACC?

- a** Requests can be sent by:
 - DHBs using the ACC4249 Short-term equipment (needed post six weeks discharge) request form
 - Enable NZ after a rehabilitation assessment has been completed by a social or vocational rehabilitation provider
 - directly from a provider (on behalf of a client)
 - directly by the client via MyACC, phone, email or mail.

4.0 What does the MRES contract cover?

- a** The MRES contract covers:
 - Items that help clients with their daily living activities, such as:
 - mobility aids eg wheelchair
 - bathroom aids eg shower stool
 - kitchen aids eg kitchen trolley.
 - Easily removable housing modification equipment, eg temporary suction handrails
 - Electric mobility scooters
 - Vocational equipment, such as ergonomic equipment
 - Assistive technology, such as communication devices, where this is supported by an Assistive technology assessment
 - Equipment required for short and long-term periods.

5.0 Exclusions


- a** We're not responsible for providing equipment if the:
 - client already has equipment (in usable condition) that functions the same way as the equipment recommended in the assessment
 - equipment is more expensive than an item strictly required to meet the client's identified needs
 - equipment (or any item used in association with the equipment) requires replacement due to client neglect, abuse or misuse
 - client, after injury, disposed of a piece of suitable equipment that had a similar function.

 See AC Act 2001, Schedule 1, Part 1, Clause 13.
<https://www.westlaw.co.nz/maf/wlnz/app/document?d>

6.0 Other contracts that include equipment provision

- a** Equipment is primarily provided to clients via the Managed Rehabilitation Equipment Services contract. However, there are a number of other contracts under which equipment can be provided to clients:
 - Accident & medical and rural GP contracts
 - Ancillary treatment
 - Housing modifications
 - Elective surgery contract
 - Public health acute services contract
 - Specialised Spinal Cord Active Rehabilitation Services contract
 - Transport for Independence (TFI) – vehicle modifications
 - Services for the Blind

7.0 Delegations

- a** For equipment delegations, refer to the delegations for Aids and Appliances that apply to equipment, found in Delegations part 7.4.7.
 -  Delegations Framework