

## Assistive Technology

### Overview

Assistive Technology can make life easier, increase autonomy and independence and encourage individuals to live the life they want to live.

Assistive Technology are items, equipment, devices or systems that are used to help a person live a more independent life. This could include items such as tablets, communication applications, switches, voice-activated smart speaker and smart plugs to turn on or off an appliance, and adaptive utensils to assist with activities such as eating, dressing and writing. Assistive Technology also includes help learning to use the device and technical support if needed.

### Eligibility Requirements

Recipients must have been determined to be an eligible client by the Department of Social and Health Services' Developmental Disabilities Administration and be enrolled on any of these DDA programs:

- Community First Choice.
- Home and Community Based Services 1915c Waiver.
- Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review.
- Roads to Community Living Grant.



### Authority

Federal funding under section 1915c of the Social Security Act, Home and Community Based Services Waivers and state funding.

**Chapter 388-845 WAC**, DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers.

**Chapter 388-845-0415 WAC**, What is assistive technology?

**Chapter 388-845-0420 WAC**, Who may be a qualified provider of assistive technology?

**Chapter 388-845-0425 WAC**, Are there limits to the assistive technology you may receive?

**Chapter 388-106 WAC**, Long-Term Care Services.

**Chapter 388-106-0270 WAC**, What services are available under community first choice?

**Chapter 388-106-0273 WAC**, May I receive additional personal emergency response services?

**Chapter 388-106-0274 WAC**, Are there limits to the assistive technology I may receive?



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## Budget

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Assistive Technology was available on only two of our five waivers. We expanded availability to all waivers through Appendix K flexibilities. In September 2022, Assistive Technology was added permanently to all five waivers.

## Rates

Participants receive up to \$550 each year for Skills Acquisition Training or Assistive Technology.

## Oversight

### External

- Washington State Department of Health.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

### Internal

- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring and Training.
- DDA Office of Quality Programs and Services.



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