

Harbor Regional Center Service Policy

DURABLE AND NON-DURABLE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

DEFINITION:

Durable equipment includes those mechanical, assistive or adaptive devices which are designed to sustain life or to facilitate mobility, communication, community access or environmental control in order to promote increased independence. Durable equipment includes, but is not limited to wheelchairs, apnea monitors and communication devices.

Nondurable equipment and supplies include those expendable products which are designed to assist an individual to maintain optimal health and to promote maximum adaptive functioning. Nondurable equipment and supplies include, but are not limited to, medication, eyeglasses, hearing aids, orthopedic shoes, diapers, nutritional supplements, and equipment repairs.

PHILOSOPHY:

Harbor Regional Center believes that clients should be encouraged to participate in home and community life as fully and independently as possible. Accordingly, Harbor Regional Center believes that clients should be supported in accessing assistive and adaptive devices as well as durable and non-durable equipment or supplies that will contribute to their ability to achieve these outcomes.

POLICY:

Harbor Regional Center may purchase durable or non-durable equipment or supplies for adult or minor clients only if all of the following criteria are met:

1. a Harbor Regional Center specialist has reviewed the request and has indicated that the specific supplies or equipment to be purchased would enable the client to live a more independent and productive life at home or in the community; **and**
2. the need for the specific supplies or equipment is associated with, or has resulted from, a developmental disability; **and**
3. the purchase of formula, nutritional supplements or diapers is for a client who is 3 years of age or older, unless the family can demonstrate a financial need and unless there is indication that the purchase is necessary to enable the client to remain in the family home; **and**
4. any equipment to be purchased is not intended to become a permanent fixture; **and**
5. the purchase is not for construction, modification or alteration of real or personal property to accommodate equipment; **and**
6. the supplies or equipment to be purchased have been denied by, or the client is not eligible for, California Children's Services, Medi-Cal, private insurance or any other third party payer.