

WAC 388-891A-1177 When may DVR pay for vehicle modifications as a rehabilitation technology service? DVR pays for vehicle modifications as a rehabilitation technology service if you meet the requirements for DVR to pay for a VR service as outlined in WAC 388-891A-1100, the conditions for DVR to pay for services that facilitate the driving of a personal vehicle in WAC 388-891A-1172, and the following additional conditions:

(1) The DVR counselor determines based on disability-related documentation that your disability is stable or slowly progressive and not likely to impair your driving ability in the future if you plan to drive the vehicle;

(2) You provide copies of documentation verifying that you or the driver of your vehicle is the legal and registered owner of the vehicle, except when DVR is the legal owner of the vehicle being modified;

(3) DVR obtains documentation of an inspection from a certified or journey-level auto mechanic that verifies the vehicle is in good operating condition and a vendor certified through the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA) says it is capable of being modified;

(4) If you or the driver of your vehicle has a documented history of substance abuse in the past five years, you or the driver provide or participate in a current substance use disorder assessment;

(5) If you will be a driver of the vehicle, you demonstrate an ability to operate a motor vehicle safely by completing a driving evaluation with a certified driver rehabilitation specialist that verifies your driving ability and evaluates your rehabilitation needs;

(6) The certified driver rehabilitation specialist prescribes needed modifications to the vehicle, except that prescriptions are not required for:

(a) Placement of a wheelchair lift, ramp or scooter lift and tie downs;

(b) Passenger access only; and

(c) Wheelchair carriers;

(7) Provide documentation of vehicle insurance adequate to cover the cost of replacement for loss or damage, including the cost of the modification; and

(8) Demonstrate or provide documentation that verifies you or the driver of your vehicle can safely operate the vehicle as modified.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.29.020(8) and 34 C.F.R., Parts 361, 363, 397. WSR 18-12-035, § 388-891A-1177, filed 5/29/18, effective 6/30/18.]