

Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manual C-700: Medical Services and Equipment

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C-704: Durable Medical Equipment

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C-704-5: Procedures for Purchasing Contracted Medical Assistive Devices, Excluding Hearing Aids

The VR counselor uses the following procedure to buy all contracted medical assistive devices, except for hearing aids.

1. The VR counselor obtains a prescription, puts a copy in the case file, and documents the action in a case note.
Note: Written recommendations are required for the initial purchase of all contracted medical assistive devices and replacement items.
2. The VR counselor reviews and follows the item-specific requirements for the following assistive devices:
 - Rehabilitation or hospital beds;
 - Patient lifts;
 - Manual wheelchairs;
 - Power wheelchairs;
 - Scooters;
 - Assistive devices for the bathroom;
 - Seating and positioning systems; and
 - CPAP or BiPAP

After an initial prescription is received, the VR counselor obtains specifications (type, size, and special features) by arranging for the customer to be evaluated by:

- a physiatrist;
- a pulmonologist;
- a physical or occupational therapist;
- a rehabilitation engineer; or
- an assistive technology professional.