

Maine Home and Community Based Waivers Assistive Technology Comparison Chart

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	Section 18 - BI Waiver	Section 19 - Elderly & AWD	Section 20 - ORC Waiver	Section 21 - ID & Autism	Section 29 - Community Supports
AT Services:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
a. Assessment	Yes	No	yes	Yes	Yes
b. Coordination of Therapies	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. Training for member	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
d. Training for supports	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
e. Acquisition of AT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
f. Selection, customization, Maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Limits:	\$6,000 per year / 8hrs per year	\$1,000 per yr - Cost part of cap	\$6,000 per yr	\$6,000 per yr / 8hrs per yr	\$6,000 per year / 8hrs per year
Assessment Rates:	\$14.44 per ¼ hr	None	\$16.04 per ¼ hr	\$14.44 per 1/4hr	\$14.44 per ¼ hr
Transmission rates	\$50 per mo	\$50 per mo	Per invoice	\$50 per mo	\$50 per mo
Career Planning Includes AT Services	Yes	No	Not mentioned	Yes	Yes
Consultation Services	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Limits:	N/A	N/A	16hrs per year per discipline	16.5hrs per yr per discipline	N/A
Rates:	N/A	N/A	\$5.40 per ¼ hr	Varies per discipline	N/A

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Home Support-Remote Support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Limits:	16hrs per day	\$6,000 per yr - part of cap	16hrs each day	12hrs per day	18 hrs per week
Rates Monitoring Only:	\$1.62 per ¼ hr	Up to \$500 per month	\$1.62 per ¼ hr	\$1.63 per ¼ hr	\$1.63 per ¼ hr
Rates: Interactive Support	\$6.27 per ¼ hr	Combined with above	\$6.33 per ¼ hr	\$6.33 per ¼ hr	\$6.33 per ¼ hr
Home Accessibility:	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Limit:	N/A	\$3,000 per yr - Not included in cap	\$3,000 per yr	\$10,000 over 5yrs / \$300 per year for repair or maintenance	\$10,000 over 5yrs / \$300 per year for repair or maintenance
Non-Traditional Communication Assessments	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Limits:	N/A	N/A	16hrs per yr	None	N/A
Rate:	N/A	N/A	\$9.00 per ¼ hr	\$9.00 per ¼ hr	N/A
Non-Traditional Communication Consultation	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Limit:	N/A	N/A	16hrs per yr	None	N/A
Rate:	N/A	N/A	\$9.00 per ¼ hr	\$9.00 per ¼ hr	N/A
Communication Aids:	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Limit:	N/A	N/A	\$6,000 per yr	None	N/A
OT Maintenance	No	Home Health	Yes	Yes	No
Limit:	N/A	N/A	2hr per week or 104hrs per yr	N/A	N/A
Rate:	N/A	N/A	\$9.54 per ¼ hr	\$9.54 per ¼ hr	N/A

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PT Maintenance	No	Home Health	Yes	Yes	No
Limit:	N/A	N/A	2hrs per week or 104 hours per yr	N/A	N/A
Rate:	N/A	N/A	\$9.72 per ¼ hr	\$9.72 per ¼ hr	N/A
SLP Maintenance	No	Home Health	Yes	Yes	No
Limit:	N/A	N/A	2hrs per week or 104 hrs per yr	N/A	N/A
Rate:	N/A	N/A	\$12.48 per ¼ hr	\$12.48 per ¼ hr	N/A
Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Vehicle Modifications	No	No	No	Yes	No
AT Provider Qualifications	ATP/DSP, OT, SLP	OTR/L or COTA/L	ATP/DSP, OT, SLP	OT, SLP, ATP or RET w/ DSP	None listed in rule

- Section 19 uses OT Services (Section 68) to do AT assessments.
- All rules specify that a service cannot be provided if the service is available under the state plan.
- Some AT must be determined to be not reimbursable under Section 60 (DME) or other sections of the Maine Care Benefits Manual.
- Section 18: AT limits: \$6,000 per year for, the equipment, acquisition services, customizing, maintenance & repair/ 8hrs per year for assessment, coordination and training.
- Section 29: No longer includes AT in its annual cap.

Link to rules and allowances: maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch101.htm

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Process for AT Assessment Referral and Prior Authorization

Section 18 & 20

- The individual identifies a need for AT.
- Their Case Manager adds the need to the Plan.
- A vendor call form is submitted to OADS.
- Their Case Manager contacts the AT Services Provider of the persons choice, to discuss the needs of the individual, get an estimate of hours required to complete the assessment and sends the referral form and current care plan to the assessor.
- The Case Manager requests an authorization from OADS including the number of hours.
- Once there is an authorization (AT Form complete) the Case Manager notifies the AT assessor that the assessment can be done and sends a copy of the Completed AT form to the AT assessor.
- The AT assessor or Case Manager gets required releases signed.
- The AT assessor schedules & conducts the assessment.
- The assessment report is sent to the case manager.
- If additional hours are needed to complete the assessment, another authorization will need to be requested.
- If additional research, re-assessment, training or maintenance is required, a new authorization will need to be requested each time.

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Process for AT Assessment Referral and Prior Authorization

Section 21 & 29

- Individual and/or their team identify a need for AT.
- The need for the AT assessment is added to the individuals plan.
- The case manager has the member/guardian sign the plan face sheet, agreeing to the AT assessment.
- The Case Manager sends a vendor call form to the Resource Coordinator (RC) and the vendor call is sent out.
- AT provider is chosen.
- The case manager will request that a relationship be developed for the AT assessor in EIS and open the current plan for revision.
- The AT Assessor will complete the AT description form and AT Goal Sheet in EIS.
- The Case Manager sends the authorization request and the face sheet of the Plan to the RC.
- The RC reviews the plan and authorizes 8 hours at the AT authorization location of the AT provider.
- The RC will send an email to the case manager and the AT provider, authorizing the provider to offer the service.
- The AT Assessment is scheduled and conducted.
- The report is forwarded to the case manager.
- If additional research, re-assessment or training is required, the case manager and AT assessor can work together to meet the need within the 8 hours originally authorized.

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Purchasing Process for Sections 18, 20, 21 & 29

- Once the AT assessment is received by the case manager time is spent as a team reviewing the assessment, making decisions about priorities, budget and preferences.
- The case manager and provider making the purchase then develops the equipment quote using the recommendations in the AT assessment. All quotes for equipment must include taxes, shipping, transmission expenses and all other related costs.
- If there are questions regarding equipment the case manager will contact the AT assessor for more information.
- Some recommendations may need to be researched with the individual to assure choice and preferences.
- The case manager then works with The Home Support provider, Community Support Provider or the AT Services Provider (in that order) to determine who will commit to making the purchase.
- The provider making the purchase or the case manager then goes into EIS and updates the AT Description form and AT Goals including the items and the cost in the narrative.
- The quote is then submitted to the care monitor or resource coordinator for prior authorization.
- The prior authorization is then sent to the case manager and the provider who will be making the purchase.
- The case manager and the provider making the purchases will work together to assure the correct equipment is purchased.
- If additional assistance is needed for training, set up or installation the case manager will contact the AT services provider and go through the process for getting these additional needs authorized.



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