

## Technology Assisted Waiver Services & Descriptions

**Assistive technology** consists of specialized medical equipment and supplies not available through other Medicaid services. Assistive Technology enables people to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living, to perceive or control the environment in which they live, and communicate. Also includes services which are necessary to the proper functioning of such items.

**Environmental modifications** are physical adaptations to a place of residence or vehicle. Modifications can also be physical adaptations to a work site, when the modification exceeds reasonable accommodation requirements of the ADA. It is not used to bring a substandard dwelling up to minimum habitation standards. It is not available to residential settings that are licensed or certified by Virginia or approved by a local government agency such as group homes or sponsored residential homes.

**Nursing services** are provided for people who require specific skilled nursing services. Skilled nursing may be provided in the person's home or other community setting on a regularly scheduled or intermittent need basis. Nursing services are ordered by a physician and are provided by a registered professional nurse, or licensed practical nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse. 16 hours per day maximum, except children may have 24 hours a day for the first 30 days after a hospital discharge.

**Personal care assistance** with activities of daily living (eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring) and other activities of daily living (meal preparation, shopping, housekeeping, laundry, money management), monitoring of physical health condition, supervision, work related personal assistance and the environmental maintenance necessary for people to remain in their homes and in the community. NOTE this is only for adults over 21 years of age.

**Respite care** is a service provided to unpaid caregivers of people who use Waiver services. Respite is provided on an episodic or routine basis because of the absence of or need for relief of those unpaid individuals who normally provide the care. .

**Transition services** is funding for items needed to set up a household when someone transitions from an institution into a private residence. The service can include basic clothing and deposits for rent and utilities.