Assistive Technology Categories – example inclusions

This guideline supports the application of MP 0168/21 *Provision of Assistive Technology and Home Modifications Policy.*

This document is not an exhaustive list of all items provided by all Health Service Providers but gives an indication of the type of assistive technology that may be issued under each category.

Categories include paediatric, standard, bariatric or customised versions.

Assistive technology is issued by Health Service Providers to individual patients based on clinical need as assessed by an appropriate staff member.

Not all assistive technology items listed are provided by all Health Service Providers.

Assistive Technology Categories	
Bed equipment	Slide in bed rail Bed cradle Bed raises and blocks Beds - hospital style/height adjustable Bedrail - drop side Bed boards and sandwiches Over bed/ chair table Pressure mattress
Communication aids	Low technology communication systems including: Communication boards Communication cards Chat books Tangible symbols
	Communication devices
Daily living	Traymobile or kitchen trolley
Personal hygiene	Shower stool with and without arms Shower chair with and without arms

	Bath board Bath transfer bench Swivel and slide bath seats and bath transfer boards Fixed and drop-down shower seats Over toilet frame Toilet surround Toilet donut or seat raise Bedside commode Wheeled commode - attendant / economy Self-propelled wheeled commode Paediatric bath supports (e.g. moulded seat, raised bathtub, bath seating with postural supports)
Positioning and seating	Utility chair High back chair Leg rest Kitchen stool Chair raises and blocks Pressure cushion Postural seating components/ seating support systems Paediatric alternative seating (e.g. corner chair)
Transfer aids	Hoists and slings ReTurn devices Sara stedy Slide board
Walking aids	Walking stick fixed length Walking stick adjustable Quad stick Axilla crutches Elbow crutches Walking frame standard Wheeled walking frame Pulpit/forearm support walking frame Wheeled seat walker
Wheeled mobility devices	Manual wheelchair standard

	Wheelchair cushion Wheelchair leg board Wheelchair parts e.g. elevating leg rests, calf supports, armrests Power wheelchairs Postural seating system: wheelchair or stroller

Home Modifications Category	
Grab rails	Internal/external Standard – 300, 450, 600, 750, 900 mm Specialised/Customised Drop down
Ramps	Portable wheelchair ramps Custom made ramps
Shower hose	
Shower platform	
Step modifications	Step platform
Structural modifications	**Basic Modifications** Door re-hinge Shower screen removal Door removal
	Major Modifications Bath removal Shower hob removal Door widening

Definitions	
Bariatric	Assistive technology designed for larger or obese people featuring heavier weight/width capacities, higher durability and larger in size than standard assistive technology
Customised	Modified or fabricated for the sole use of a particular patient to meet the individual clinical needs of that patient.

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