

## Purchased Services

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Spinal cord injury is one of the most catastrophic and costly injuries sustained by individuals. An estimate of lifetime costs average one to two million dollars, depending upon age at injury. In an attempt to assist individuals and families in obtaining needed equipment, home modifications and medical supplies, the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission (ASCC) assists clients by purchasing medically necessary equipment or services to meet a need that is a direct result of the spinal cord disability. In order to receive purchased services the client must meet ASCC financial criteria and all similar benefits such as insurance coverage or other program eligibility have been exhausted. These services must be authorized in advance, by the Case Manager after careful review of client's plan, resources and needs. All ASCC purchases are made in compliance with State of Arkansas Procurement laws and procedures.

These include purchases of medically prescribed equipment such as wheelchairs and repairs, braces, therapeutic cushions, adaptive bathroom equipment, emergency medications and medical supplies, other medical equipment, minor home modifications (\$2,000 maximum expenditure), exterior ramping at the residence, short term outpatient therapy visits including wheelchair seating evaluations and drivers evaluations, vehicle hand controls, short term attendant care and other needed services related to their spinal cord injury.

Funding is limited for these purchases and it is the responsibility of the Case Manager to work with you to find all other similar benefits before making a purchase. ASCC funds may not be expended for purchase of any normal living requirement such as rent, utilities, food, insurance payments, clothing or other items for daily life. In addition, ASCC policy precludes the purchase of vehicle or any modifications to vans.