

DDSD-DDW Numbered Memon 2024-04

To: Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) Provider Agencies and Interested Parties

From: Marie Velasco, DD Waiver Program Manager



RE: Discontinuation of Temporary Increase Amount of Environmental Modification and Assistive Technology

Date: March 1, 2024

The Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) amendment for 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers: NM. 0173.R07.04 was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on July 1, 2022, for the following items:

- 1) Temporary increase to Environmental Modification benefit limits from \$5000 to \$6000 every 5 years through March 2024.
- 2) Temporary increase to Assistive Technology allowance up to \$750 through March 2024.

The temporary increase to Environmental Modification and Assistive Technology Benefits ends March 31, 2024. No budget revision is required if Environmental Modification or Assistive Technology were previously approved with the temporary increase amount.

Effective Immediately: For All Annual Budget Worksheets (BWS) with a start date of **April 1, 2024, or after and revisions with an Assistive Technology or Environmental Modification service start date of April 1, 2024, or after**, the following are maximum benefits:

- 1) Environmental Modification: \$5,000 every five Individual Service Plan (ISP) years inclusive of the 15% administrative fees.
- 2) Assistive Technology: \$500 per Individual Service Plan (ISP) year inclusive of 15% administrative fees.

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