

The GAP Program



TIP SHEET

What is the GAP Program?

The Gap Program helps to bridge the gap in services and goods for adults with physical and cognitive disabilities in specific situations. GAP funds provide limited interim services and goods to individuals to increase or maintain their independence in their home and/or community. For example, GAP funds may fulfill crisis needs for home modifications and assistive devices, while an individual is awaiting long-term services through CoLTS C Waiver or the Personal Care Option (PCO) programs.

Who qualifies for the GAP Program?

Adults with physical and cognitive disabilities, including brain injury may be eligible to access the GAP Program. Eligible populations include:

- Individuals in the process of moving out of an institutional setting (nursing home) into a home setting or
- Individuals who are in imminent danger of institutionalization **and** are on the Coordination of Long-Term Services/CoLTS C Waiver (formerly the D&E Waiver) Central Registry awaiting services; **and**
 - a. have been screened for financial eligibility (e.g. are on SSI), or are pending approval of a Medicaid Personal Care Option (PCO) plan; **or**
 - b. are receiving services through the Medicaid Personal Care Option (PCO), and have non-PCO covered needs such as Home Modifications.

How to Apply:

Contact the GAP Program at 1-866-451-2901 to apply for services. Applicants will be pre-screened over the phone for eligibility to assess the individual's situation and the need for GAP services. An application will then be mailed to applicants who may qualify.

Important Points to Remember:

1. Generally speaking, a person may not access the GAP Program and the CoLTS C Waiver (formerly the D&E Waiver) program, at the same time.
2. The GAP Program is not designed to address long-term needs. For long-term needs, individuals should apply for the CoLTS C Waiver and/or Personal Care Option (PCO) programs. Contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center for more information.
3. Goods and services provided by the GAP Program may not exceed \$7,500 per person.
4. For details on this and other programs offered by the Elderly and Disability Services Division, visit our website at http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/Elderly_Disability_Services_Division.html.
5. For additional disability-related information and resources, see: http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/Resource_Center.html or <http://www.nmresourcedirectory.org>.

Examples of services and goods provided by the GAP Program:

- Home modifications
- Assistive devices

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1-866-451-2901
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The Aging and Disability Resource Center
1-800-432-2080

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