

## Chapter 10: Home and Vehicle Modifications

Payment Policies for Healthcare Services Provided to Injured Workers and Crime Victims

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### **Updates and corrections**

An annual update of the entire payment policies and fee schedules (MARFS) is published routinely to coincide with the beginning of each state fiscal year (July 1).

Throughout the year, updates and corrections may be needed to modify existing policies and fees or create new ones. Updated and corrected information supersedes the policies in MARFS. Look for possible <u>updates and corrections</u> to these payment policies and fee schedules on L&I's website.

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# Payment policy: Home modifications

### **Prior authorization**

To request prior authorization for a **consultation**, contact:

- The claim manager for State Fund claims.
- The employer or their claims representative for self-insured claims.

For construction and design work, pre-authorization:

- Must be done by the Assistant Director (AD) for Insurance Services for State Fund claims.
- Can't be denied without the AD's approval for self-insured claims.

### Who must perform these services to qualify for payment

The home modification consultant must:

- Be a licensed nurse, occupational therapist, or physical therapist, and
- Have training or experience in both rehabilitation of catastrophic injuries and modifying homes.

### Services that can be billed

A residence or home modification is a permanent change to an existing residence or a repair of a modification previously approved and paid for by the department or self-insured employer, or a modification made when constructing a new residence.



Links: For more information, see <u>WAC 296-14-6200</u>. For Job Modifications and Pre-Job Modifications, see <u>Chapter 25: Vocational Services.</u>

### Home modifications fee schedule

For this <b>HCPCS or</b> local billing code	The <b>provider</b> <b>that can bill</b> is a:	And the <b>insurer pays for</b> :	With a <b>maximum fee</b> of:
8914H Home modification construction and design	Contractor, Architect, Construction material supplier, <i>and</i> Worker.	<ul> <li>Construction materials,</li> <li>Labor &amp; tax,</li> <li>Permits and inspections, and</li> <li>Architect plans.</li> <li>If the worker pays for inspections, predesign, or planning services, the worker may be reimbursed if the modification request is approved.</li> </ul>	Each bill pays <b>By Report</b> (as billed) up to the maximum amount authorized for the home modification.
8916H Home modification consultation	Home modification consultant.	<ul> <li>Time spent doing:</li> <li>Onsite home evaluation,</li> <li>Consultation, or</li> <li>Required reports.</li> </ul>	By Report
8917H Home modification mileage, lodging, bridge and ferry tolls, airfare, and car rental	Home modification <b>consultant</b> .	<ul> <li>Mileage</li> <li>Lodging for 1 person when the onsite visit requires: <ul> <li>2 or more consecutive days, and</li> <li>Is greater than 125 miles one-way.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Airfare (economy) for 1 person when travel is greater than 180 miles one-way.</li> <li>Car rental (economy) when air travel is involved.</li> </ul>	State Rate

For this <b>HCPCS or</b> local billing code…	The <b>provider</b> <b>that can bill</b> is a:	And the <b>insurer pays for</b> :	With a <b>maximum fee</b> of:
0391R Travel	Home modification <b>consultant</b> .	Travel time or wait time	<b>\$5.81</b> per unit (1 unit = 6 minutes)

### **Requirements for billing**

To get reimbursed, you must submit a copy of receipts for:

- Materials,
- Lodging,
- Airfare, and
- Car rental.

### **Payment limits**

The insurer will pay for home modification construction and design for only 1 residence for each catastrophically injured worker. The maximum amount payable is the current Washington State average annual wage.

# Payment policy: Vehicle modifications

### **Prior authorization**

Vehicle modifications require prior authorization based on approval by the Assistant Director of L&I's Insurance Services Program.

**Link**: More information about vehicle modifications is available in <u>RCW 51.36.020(8)</u>.

### Who must perform these services to qualify for payment

#### Consultations

The vehicle modification consultant must:

- Be a licensed occupational or physical therapist, or licensed medical professional, *and*
- Have training or experience in both rehabilitation and vehicle modification.

### Services that can be billed

If the HCPCS and local billing code is	Then the provider who can bill is:	And <b>the insurer pays</b> for:	And the <b>maximum fee</b> is:
<b>8915H</b> Vehicle modification	Vehicle modification supplier	Vehicle modification	Maximum payable for all work is ½ <b>the current</b> <b>Washington State</b> <b>average wage</b> . The amount paid may be increased by no more than <b>\$4,000.00</b> by written order of the Supervisor of Industrial Insurance (see Link below table).

If the HCPCS and local billing code	Then the provider who can bill is:	And <b>the insurer pays</b> for:	And the <b>maximum fee</b> is:
<b>8917H</b> Vehicle modification mileage, lodging, bridge and ferry tolls, airfare, and car rental	Vehicle modification consultants	<ul> <li>Mileage</li> <li>Lodging for 1 person when the onsite visit requires: <ul> <li>2 or more consecutive days, and</li> <li>Is greater than 125 miles one-way.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Airfare (economy) for 1 person when travel is greater than 180 miles one-way.</li> <li>Car rental (economy) when air travel is involved.</li> </ul>	State Rate
8918H Vehicle modification consultation or driving evaluation	Vehicle modification consultants	<ul> <li>Time spent doing:</li> <li>Onsite – vehicle and/or driving evaluation,</li> <li>Consultation, or</li> <li>Required reports.</li> </ul>	By Report
0391R Travel	Vehicle modification <b>consultants</b>	Travel time or wait time	<b>\$5.81</b> per unit (1 unit = 6 minutes)

### **Requirements for billing**

To get reimbursed, you must submit copies of receipts for:

- Lodging,
- Airfare, and
- Car rental.

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### **Payment limits**

For local billing code **8915H**, the maximum payable for all vehicle modification is 50% of the current Washington State average wage. The amount paid may be increased by no more than **\$4,000.00** by written order of the Supervisor of Industrial Insurance.

Link: For more information about vehicle modification payment increases, see <u>RCW</u> <u>51.36.020(8)(b).</u>

# Links to related topics

If you're looking for more information about	Then see
Administrative rules for home modifications	Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296- 14-6200 through WAC 296-14-6238 available in <u>WAC 296-14</u>
Becoming an L&I provider	Become A Provider on L&I's website
Billing instructions and forms	Chapter 2: Information for All Providers
<b>Contractors' questions and answers</b> about home modifications for workers with catastrophic injuries	<u>F252-061-000</u>
<b>Fact sheet</b> on home modifications for workers with catastrophic injuries	<u>F252-060-000</u>
Fee schedules for all healthcare and vocational services	Fee schedules on L&I's website
Home Modification Acknowledgement of Responsibilities form	<u>F247-003-000</u>
Laws for definitions	Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 50.04.355
Laws for modification to residences or motor vehicles	<u>RCW 51.36.020(7)</u> and <u>(8)</u>
Laws for residence modification services	<u>RCW 51.36.022</u>
Laws for right to and amount	<u>RCW 51.32.095(4)</u> <u>RCW 51.32.250</u>

### Need more help?

Contact Provider Hotline with billing and authorization questions by emailing PHL@Lni.wa.gov or calling **1-800-848-0811** between 8 am and 12 pm PT Monday through Friday.