

factsheet HMM services

Home modification and maintenance services

What is our aim?

Home Modification and Maintenance Services (HMMS) are part of the HACC (Home and Community Care) Program, jointly funded by State and Federal Governments. HMMS provide modification and some maintenance work for people who are frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers so they may live more independently in the community and remain in their homes longer. The major emphasis is on access, safety and independence.

Who is eligible?

People living in NSW who are:

- Frail aged with a moderate, severe or profound disability
- A younger person with a moderate, severe or profound disability, or
- The carer of a person with a moderate, severe or profound disability

What services do we provide?

HOME MODIFICATIONS

Minor modifications recommended by an Occupational Therapist include: supply and installation of grabrails, handrails, hand held shower hoses and lever taps; access modifications such as step ramps, threshold wedges at doorways, easy steps and widening of doorways; safety modifications such as adjusting heights of chairs, beds and tables.

Major modifications recommended by an Occupational Therapist include: access modifications such as ramps; bathroom modifications such as the installation of a hobless shower facility; and kitchen modifications eg. for wheelchair access.

HOME MAINTENANCE WORK RELATED TO SAFETY AND ACCESS

HMMS provide some maintenance work related specifically to safety and access eg. repairing a set of stairs that may not be safe; making cords and rugs on floors safe, installation of smoke alarms adjustment of water temperature etc.

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For further advice consult your local HMMS.

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Who makes the referral to the HMMS?

For home modifications, an assessment by an Occupational Therapist (OT) is required. The OT will make the referral to the Home Modification and Maintenance Service following the assessment. Occupational Therapists are employed by a range of organisations including NSW Health (eg. Hospitals, Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT) and Community Health Services), ADHC (Aging, Disability and Home Care, Dept. of Human Services NSW), The Spastic Centre and in Private Practice.

What does it cost?

The basic formula: the client is asked to pay the cost of ALL materials plus a subsidised hourly rate. Wherever possible, materials are at discount prices. If clients have difficulty paying their account, assistance is available and can be negotiated with staff at each HMMS. Please note each HMMS sets its own fee policy. Clients must be advised of the cost of home modification and/or maintenance work prior to work commencing.

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