

Section 19:

Adaptive Equipment or Assistive Technology

Adaptive Equipment and Assistive Technology are at times used interchangeably to describe tools, devices, product systems, or machines to support an individual diagnosed with a disability and individuals who are in the aging population. While they have similar functions, they are both unique.

Adaptive Equipment is a tool, device, product system, or machine specifically created or designed to help assist an individual in increasing, maintaining, or improving their functional capabilities to remain independent.

- Examples of Adaptive Equipment include:
 - Cochlear Implants
 - Glasses
 - Grabber
 - Hearing Aids
 - Prosthetic Leg
 - Wheelchair

Assistive Technology is a tool, device, product system, or machine made for the general population that is modified or customized to help assist an individual in increasing, maintaining, or improving their functional capabilities. Adaptive technology is a subset of Assistive Technology and focuses on electronic and technology access.

- Examples of Assistive Technology include:
 - Magnifying Bars
 - Pencil grip
 - Talking Calculator
 - Speech Recognition Software
 - Switches
 - Text-to-Speech

Adaptive Equipment and Assistive Technology Resources

Iowa Compass Adaptive Equipment and Assistive Technology Resources

Utilize the above link for a list of adaptive equipment and assistive technology resources.

AIM Healthcare

AIM Healthcare has been serving Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas home medical equipment and pharmaceutical supplies since 1970. As one of the area's largest retail suppliers of home health products and services, they provide superior customer service and top quality, state-of-the-art medical equipment and supplies.

617 8th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 · 319-364-4008

<https://aimhealthcare.com>

Apria Healthcare

Apria is a leading provider of home healthcare equipment and related services across the USA, serving approximately 2 million patients from 280 locations. One of Apria's primary goals is for their patients to receive the best possible health outcomes. Through Apria's comprehensive patient education, clinical assessments, and ongoing monitoring, Apria's Care Team members are able to support their patients' treatment plans and supplement with additional services, if needed.

1515 Blairs Ferry Road, Marion, IA · 319-377-9433

<https://www.apria.com>

CarePro Health Services

CarePro Health Services' mission is to provide individuals with the services and products they and their family need for a happier, healthier life. They provide home medical equipment, home infusion, home health and compounding services.

402 10th Street SE Suite 600, Cedar Rapids, IA · 319-298-0953

<https://www.careprohs.com/services/carepro-home-medical>

Cedar Valley Mobility

Cedar Valley Mobility's mission is to help resolve all accessibility and mobility needs, to make the individual's life better. They offer equipment and supplies that can give greater independence and peace of mind.

319-291-7210 or 800-603-9857

<http://www.mobilitystore.com>

CompuPlace

CompuPlace provides a computer resource center for individuals with disabilities. Activities are tailored to meet the specific needs of each individual, stimulating the development of literacy, language, reasoning, and academic, information-age and creative skills. CompuPlace uses touch screens, speech output, switches, screen magnifiers, voice recognition, and specialized instructional to support individuals. Internet access and e-mail help individuals keep in touch with family and friends! The Internet offers prime opportunities for teaching literacy and general computer skills.

601 Second Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA · 319-366-2651

<http://www.ecc-cr.net/compuplace.php>

Digital Accessibility @ Iowa – The University of Iowa

IT Accessibility Group provides leadership and assistance with policy and technical guidelines, training, consultation, and advocacy for accessibility efforts in Iowa.

319-384-3323

<https://itaccessibility.uiowa.edu>

Easterseals Iowa

Easterseals Iowa offers the highest-quality services designed to meet the individual needs of children and adults with disabilities. They help each person overcome obstacles, become independent and reach goals.

401 NE 66th Ave, Des Moines, IA 50313 · 515-289-1933

<https://www.easterseals.com/ia>

Job Accommodation Network

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is the leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.

800-526-7234 (V) in the United States

877-781-9403 (TTY) in the United States

<https://askjan.org>

Hamilton Relay Iowa

Hamilton Relay provides telecommunications relay services for the state of Iowa including TTY, Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS), Visually Assisted Speech-to-Speech (VA STS), Spanish and CapTel®.

<https://hamiltonrelay.com/iowa>

Dial 711

Heartland Hearing Center

The audiologists of Heartland Hearing Center have been helping the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City communities hear better for more than 30 years. Having dedicated themselves to this neighborhood for so long, they founded Heartland Hearing to better provide the community with an honest and clear path for hearing loss and tinnitus treatment. As a local, independently owned, and operated hearing center, they have the time and freedom to make decisions in your best interest; you won't find private label devices there. They operate from a philosophy that hearing is essential for your quality of life and that your hearing loss is a personal experience.

1350 Blairs Ferry Road Suite C, Hiawatha, IA · 319-409-5786

<https://heartlandhearingiowa.com>

JVA Mobility, Inc.

JVA Mobility, Inc. strives to provide durable mobility & medical equipment and care services focusing on increasing abilities and improving the health status of the disabled population in the communities they serve.

4701 J Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA · 319-366-3533 or 866-418-3533

<https://www.jvamobility.com>

National Seating and Mobility

National Seating and Mobility delivers personalized solutions to individuals with mobility challenges by bringing industry-leading expertise, uniquely engineered systems, and breakthrough technologies. Their products and services provide independence and self-reliance to clients; reassurance to family and caregivers; and responsive, flexible, and highly professional clinical support to their referral sources.

2415 Heinz Road, Suite 1, Iowa City, IA · 319-471-4530

<https://www.nsm-seating.com>

NuCara

They are passionately committed to providing diverse pharmacy and other health care products and services, emphasizing excellence, innovation, and creativity for the benefit of their patients.

1900 James Street, Suite 9, Coralville, IA · 319-358-8000 or 855-298-6283

<https://www.nucara.com/coralville-ia-hme>

Siebert Mobility of Iowa LLC

Siebert Mobility of Iowa LLC offers a unique blend of quality products, trained staff and a sense of understanding and compassion to help customers select the best solution to meet their mobility needs. The company specializes in vehicle modifications and wheelchair accessible vans that enable passengers and drivers to overcome challenges that limit their mobility.

3554 Dolphin Drive Suite A, Iowa City, IA · 319-351-3159 or 877-543-8826

<https://www.iowawheelchairvans.com>

Talk to Me Technologies

Speech-generating devices for children and adults, with the widest variety of access options available – from keyguards, head mouse, switch scanning and eye-tracking to auditory scanning and auditory fishing. Their extensive line of dedicated devices (-D) are approved for funding through Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance programs. Model communication systems can also perform smart home functions such as controlling your TV, DVD, stereo, bed, lights and more.

3508 Terrace Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613 · 877-392-2299

<https://www.talktometechnologies.com>

Telecommunications Access Iowa

Telecommunications Access Iowa's goal is to provide access and assistance to individuals in selecting equipment that best suits their communication needs. Qualified individuals can receive a voucher that pays approximately 95% to 99% of the average cost of specialized telecommunications equipment.

Telecommunications Access Iowa (TAI) is a program of the Iowa Utilities Board and is administered by Deaf Services Unlimited, Inc. This program was established as a result of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to work in conjunction with Relay Iowa.

6925 Hickman Road, Des Moines, IA · 515-282-5099

www.teleiowa.com

The Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

The Library is a Regional Library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. The Library provides books, magazines and other informational materials in Braille, audio, large print, and electronic formats to Iowa residents who are unable to use standard print materials because of a disability. Playback equipment for use with audio materials is also available on loan. The library's collection is home to 300,000 items – all available by

mail, free of charge. Textbooks and other educational materials for K-12 and college students are available through the library's Instructional Materials Center (IMC). The IMC also produces vocational materials in accessible formats for job seekers and employed Iowans upon request.

524 Fourth Street, Des Moines, IA · 515-281-1323 or 800-362-2587

<https://iowalibrary.blog>

UnityPoint at Home – Home Medical Equipment

UnityPoint at Home knows there really is no place like home. Their Home Medical Equipment professionals understand your home care needs. That is why they offer the finest, most comprehensive home-based medical services in this area.

298 Blairs Ferry Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA · 319-369-8686

<https://www.unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/services-unitypoint-at-home.aspx>

WRAP – Wheelchair Ramp Accessibility Program

The Wheelchair Ramp Accessibility Program (WRAP) provides timely home access to people in need. They are a coalition of volunteers and service organizations who work together to build custom wheelchair ramps and stairs, giving people with limited mobility the freedom to enter and leave their homes safely.

1026 A Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA · 319-369-7377

<http://wrapiowa.org>