

FREE OR LOW COST DURABLE MEDICAL EQUPMENT

Depending on your health care plan, replacement and loaner durable medical equipment may or may be covered. We can assist you through the process. Call for an intake or come in during walk-in/drop-in hours.

Medicare

The Durable Medical Equipment (DME) supplier provides an Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) only when Medicare may not cover the item (for example, if it is too many or too often) or when the supplier is providing upgraded DME. In the case of upgraded DME, the ABN indicates that Medicare will likely only pay for a standard model but that the supplier will provide the item if the beneficiary agrees to pay for the additional costs due to the upgrade.

The <u>current Medicare Interactive scripts on DME</u> is available online.

Donated Equipment

Sometimes you can get donated equipment through New York State's TRAID project (Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities). ADAPT Community Network is a TRAID provider in New York City. People can donate equipment and ask for donations of equipment through ADAPT:

Technology Resources Center - NYC (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island)

Adapt Community Network

80 West End Ave New York, New York 10023 Website: www.ucpnyc.org

Brooklyn Satellite Office

175 Lawrence Avenue, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11230 718-436-7979 x711 Voice 718-907-3189 Fax 718-854-5656 TTY

General inquiries: techworks@adaptcommunitynetwork.org

General information on TRAID is available online at:

http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/services-supports/assistive-technology-traid/traid-in-eep

Online postings

Assistive Technology Exchange in New England & New York is an exchange that is a free "classified ad" type resource designed to help people find, buy, sell, or give away used AT equipment.



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Gem: 718-969-8600 or toll free 800-943-3578

Chelsea Mobility: 212-255-5522

United Spinal Wheelchair Medic: 718-803-3782

Free used wheelchairs:

National Amputation Foundation 516-887-3600

Wheeling Forward 646-450-0077

Helping Hands for the Disabled

Sometimes they will purchase used equipment for members. You must pay \$20 yearly membership fee. 718-606-9712 hhdfornyc@aol.com

Other options include:

- ! Craigslist.org has classified ads
- ! Sale section of ABLE Newspaper
- ! Sale section of <u>Disabled Dealer Magazine</u>
 NOTE: both Able and Disabled Dealer are available online. But these are for used equipment purchase, they are not usually free.
- ! <u>Disabled in Action (DIA)</u> website for a donation, but no guarantees
- ! Sportaid.com (800-743-7203) has a catalogue of low-cost wheelchairs.
- ! Low-cost brands include Veranda, Guardian, and Invacare Tracer.