

FACT SHEET

Fund Incontinence Supplies for Adults with Disabilities

Background Information:

Currently incontinence supplies are covered in state plan Medicaid through Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) for children with disabilities ages 5 to 21, when determined to be medically necessary by a doctor. At age 21 the coverage for these medically necessary supplies ends. However, for many families of adults with disabilities the incontinence issues never end, leaving individuals and families, who already have a limited income, with the burden of the extensive cost of these medically necessary supplies which can exceed over \$2500 a year.

The waivers with the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) **do not cover** incontinence supplies.

These supplies include:

- Diapers / Briefs
- Bed pads
- Disposable Liners / Shields
- Protective under pads

What Can Legislators Do?

Appropriating \$9.4 million in State General Fund will ensure that individuals will be able to continue to have these medically necessary supplies covered by their waiver.

Why Do This?

Other waivers such as the Community Choices Waiver (CCW) can cover the cost of incontinence supplies under the Medical Supply Purchase service when determined to be medically necessary by a physician.

Many individuals struggle with conditions associated with incontinence management which lead to potential health issues. By covering these supplies, you will help to alleviate the financial burden and help improve health outcomes.

