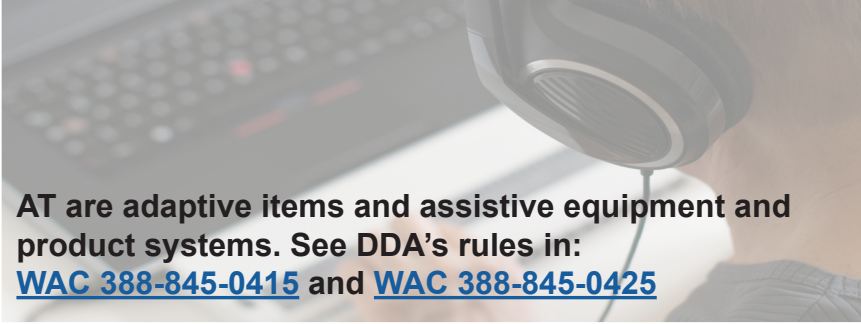




# Assistive Technology through DDA Waivers

The Developmental Disabilities Administration offers Assistive Technology (AT) on all home and community-based services waivers. AT helps people accomplish everyday tasks and be more independent.



**AT are adaptive items and assistive equipment and product systems. See DDA's rules in:**  
[WAC 388-845-0415](#) and [WAC 388-845-0425](#)

## Guidelines for Requesting Assistive Technology

All requests for AT must come from the person needing it and must be approved by DDA. A recommendation for the requested technology is required. Your DDA case manager can recommend basic items that meet eligibility criteria in DDA's waiver rules, while other items used for expressive and receptive communication need a more thorough recommendation from a qualified professional that you're working with, like a speech therapist.

Additionally, all AT items should be affordable and meet health, safety, and welfare standards. The requested AT must not be available through other sources, like private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

If approved for AT, get a copy of the approval in writing or email from your case manager.

### **Some AT items include:**

- Tablets
- Communication applications
- Switches
- Adaptive utensils to assist with eating, dressing, and writing
- Timers or electronic devices that monitor or sense movement
- Voice Activated systems
- Visual alert systems

**Not receiving a paid service?** Call your local DDA office or visit <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/service-and-information-request> to ask for a DDA assessment.

### **More Resources to Learn about Assistive Technology:**

Northwest Access Fund provides low-interest loans for people to purchase assistive technology for individuals with disabilities of all types, including seniors with age-related functional limitations.

Washington Assistive Technology Act Program provides resources and services to individuals who face challenges related to disability and aging help in the selection of and use of AT.



***To learn more about eligibility, reach out to your DDA case manager or PASRR assessor today.***

**Not sure who your DDA case manager is?** Call or visit your local DDA Field Office and ask them to look that up for. Visit <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/office-locations> to find your local DDA Field Office.