ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY
TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES

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• Assistive Technology is covered through the Innovations Waiver under Assistive Technology Equipment and Supplies (ATES).
• Assistive technology covered through the waiver refers to items or systems that are used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of the person receiving them.
• ATES in combination with the service Home Modifications covers up to $50,000 over the life of the waiver period.
What is covered through Assistive Technology Equipment and Supplies?

- **In short - A LOT!**
- Aids for daily living or aids to increase independent living
- Aids for gross motor development or fine motor development
- Environmental controls and modifications
- Alert and monitoring systems
- Sensory aids
- Communication aids not covered by regular Medicaid State Plan
- Mobility Aids not covered under the NC DME fee schedule for adults; and
- Medical supplies not covered by regular State Plan formulary
- Most important thing to note is this list is not exhaustive!
What is required to place a request for ATES?

- Medical necessity documented by physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner for every item provided/billed. This is typically provided in the form of a prescription.
- A letter of medical necessity written and signed by the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, or other licensed professional (as long as it is within their scope based upon their licensing board).
- Plan for how the person and family will be trained on the use of equipment.
- Quote(s) - shipping costs must be itemized & taxes are not coverable
- Other information as required for the specific equipment of supply request.
Advancing Technology

- **Trillium Health Resources** has initiatives that support our mission which is **transforming the lives of people** in need by providing them with ready access to quality care.
- One of the ways that Trillium supports this mission is through our **Advancing Technology** initiative.
- **Trillium Health Resources** defines our Advancing Technology initiative as **strengthening the use of technology within Trillium and with those we serve (assistive technology)**.
Advancing Technology Initiatives

- Charles Lea Center
- Choose Independence
- CHAT & BHI - MV

Smart Home

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The Charles Lea Center

- The **Charles Lea Center** is a provider agency that serves Spartanburg county in South Carolina.
- A few years ago, the **Charles Lea Center** began a paradigm shift within their organization to move from supporting people within residential settings to supporting people in community settings with the assistance of **innovative technology**. This has resulted in improved quality of life for these individuals.
- Trillium Health Resources is bringing the **Charles Lea Center** to our catchment area to support similar outcomes and results for the people that we support. This initiative will support anyone receiving Innovations Waiver funding who would like to transition to live independently (regardless of their current living situation) with **innovative technology** and supports.
Choose Independence provides Grants for Independence to assist adults and children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities offers opportunities to eligible individuals and families to:

- Purchase equipment, supplies and services that strengthen independence
- Decrease the need for 24-hour/day supervision
- Increase long term success in living as independently as possible
- Provide training for proper use of items and technology
Trillium has partnered with Inflexxion to deliver:

- Comprehensive Health Assessment for Teens or CHAT - for teens between the ages of 13 - 17
- BHI-MV or Behavioral Health Index-Multimedia Version - For adults

These web-based tools are designed for use with a tablet to allow individuals to answer whole person health-related questions.
Trillium Health Resources and Pitt Community College (PCC) are building a high-tech, energy-efficient home demonstration site on PCC’s campus that will be open for the public to see how assistive technology can help keep people in their homes, instead of moving into an assisted living facilities, nursing homes, ICF/IDD facilities, etc.