



Appendix 5.4

Accessible MDE Costs and Funding

Costs

This section lists the potential costs associated with accessible MDE.

- Equipment
 - Height-adjustable exam tables/chairs
 - Wheelchair-accessible weight scales
 - Accessible standing scales (i.e., with handrails)
 - Accessible imaging equipment
 - Mammography
 - Radiology
 - Items needed to facilitate safe patient transfer to accessible MDE, such as transfer boards, gait belts, and/or mechanical lifts
- Shipping and delivery costs for new equipment
- Freight costs to remove/dispose of non-accessible equipment being replaced
- Maintenance service contracts, if applicable
- Training modules/courses
- Training consultants/services
- Compensation for disability partners: interns, advisory committee members

Funding

This section lists potential funding sources for accessible MDE.

- Central health system budget
- Procurement or Supply Chain budget
- Other departmental budget
- Project budget
- Internal health system grants
- External grants, such as federal capital improvement grants or foundation grants
- Donations
- [Disabled Access Credit](#)[↗]
 - For HCOs who earned ≥\$1,000,000 or had ≥30 full time employees in the previous year
 - Up to \$5,000 per year for access expenses, including acquiring or modifying accessible equipment or devices
- State Incentives: Many states offer their own tax incentives for accessibility upgrades. [Contact your regional ADA Center to learn more.](#)[↗]
- [Provider Accessibility Initiative: Barrier Removal Fund](#)[↗]: Since 2018, the Barrier Removal Fund has provided over \$2.9 M in grants to fund accessibility improvements at 298 healthcare providers in sixteen states (Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, Iowa, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and Texas).