

EMS Housing Modifications Resource Document Client/House/Plan Webinar March 2021

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Client

Clinical Profile Information
Primary Diagnosis What is the primary diagnosis that causes problems with everyday activities?
Paraplegia secondary to spinal abscess earlier this year - Accessable MOH Assessor on 12/03/2021 10:41
Enter Primary Diagnosis Comments
Secondary Diagnosis What other conditions/diagnosis impact on the person's function?
Pain - Accessable MOH Assessor on 12/03/2021 10:41
Enter Secondary Diagnosis Comments
Functional Loss What is the person's functional loss resulting in the need for equipment and/or modifications?
Uses a self propelling wheelchair to get around, minimal weight bearing, independent with transfers and most everyday activities. Requires help with some tasks related to the current home environment.
Enter Functional Loss Comments
Living Situation Who does the person live with?
Lives with his wife and three young children (3, 5 and 8 years) - Accessable MOH Assessor on 12/03/2021 10:42
Enter Living Situation Comments

Person's Roles and Responsibilities Does the person have main carer responsibilities, work or study roles? Operations Manager for his family owned farm Employer of farm workers Enter Person's Roles and Responsibilities Comments Social Support What social supports (paid and unpaid) are in place or available? Wife helps with everyday activities as and when needed - Accessable MOH Assessor on 12/03/2021 10:43 Enter Social Supports Comments Home Environment What type of property or environment does the person live in? Lives in a privately owned single level home on a large rural property in Northland - Accessable MOH Assessor on 12/03/2021 10:43 Enter Home Environment Comments **Body Measurement** Are there any height/weight/stature/ factors to consider? 93kg - Accessable MOH Assessor on 12/03/2021 10:43

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Main Issues
Description of the person's main issues/functional loss related to this request
He is unable to get in/out of the house (farm workers currently come and lift him up and down the external stairs in his wheelchair). He is unable to access the toilet and shower in his wheelchair (currently sponge washing and using a pan under a shower commode). He has sustained injury to hands and feet, and damage to wheelchair and doorframes/walls when navigating wheelchair through bathroom and bedroom doorways.
Does this person have Challenging Behaviours related to this request
N/A
If Yes, please describe
Relevant EMS Funding Criteria
Mobility into and within the home
Nation
Notes
Cultural Considerations Are there any cultural considerations in relation to this request? Notes
Cultural Considerations

House

Home Features

Description of the home's features and barriers - External Layout

Single level three bedroom home on a large rural site. Flat dirt/gravel carparking area and garaging at front of house (see photos).

Front entrance has 4 wooden steps to a porch with threshold step into main house - three doors lead off the porch to kitchen, laundry and toilet (see photo) and threshold step. Total rise into house 805mm. A path from the front of the house leads to the left, around to the back of the house, sloping downwards to a further set of stairs leading to the deck - 5 wooden stairs with handrail with total rise of 1050mm. Triple stacker ranchslider with clear opening of 2800mm, with a 60mm threshold (see photos).

Description of the home's features and barriers - Internal Layout

Three bedrooms, lounge opening onto deck. Narrow hallway (860mm) leads to bedrooms and bathroom (all doors 760mm). See photos/powerpoint. Bathroom contains a separate shower cubicle (900mm x 900mm) with sliding doors and handheld shower. A separate bath and a small floor mounted vanity. The toilet is separate and can be accessed via the bathroom (sliding door - 520mm opening) and from the external porch.

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Property Owned By	Notes
Family Trust	
How many years have they lived in this property?	
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Is the living/care situation sustainable for 2-3 years?

No/Unsure () Yes

Is the House Suitable Long Term?

No/Unsure () Yes

Describe

NASC have advised that carer support can be provided if needed in the future, therefore the care/living situation is sustainable.

Describe

If the current environmental barriers can be resolved the home will be suitable long term for the family.

Plan

Solutions ↑

Proposed Solution (Internal Modifications)

Assessor is recommending the following: (See existing and proposed sketches/plans).

- Widen bathroom door to 860mm
- Remove shower cubicle doors and install a curtain
- Provide an EB020 transfer bench
- Remove wall between toilet and bathroom
- Install an 'L' rail on wall next to toilet
- New wall hung vanity
- Replacement for storage lost under existing vanity
- Widen bedroom door to 910mm

Request for Cost Contribution towards bathroom mods.

- Client/family would prefer to use their own builders/contractors, and smarten up the bathroom at the same time.

Proposed Solution (External/Access Modification)

LRL at rear + oversill threshold ramp (see existing and proposed plans/sketches)

Alternative Options Considered/Trialled

Continuing to be lifted up and down stairs in wheelchair cannot be sustained and is unsafe for client and helpers.

Access solution at front door considered however the multiple doors and limited turning space on the porch will make this area complex to resolve.

Continuing to use urinal and commode in bedroom is not considered a sustainable solution long term.

LAS considered however he is very independent and capable with transfers

- it is expected that he will be able to continue to use equipment in the shower/toilet in the long term (with the proposed mods), even if his transfers deteriorate.

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