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Stair lift resources

Does Medicare cover the cost of a stair lift?

Original Medicare does not cover stair lifts, however – Medicare Advantage might. Contact your insurance to find out if this would be covered.

Does Medicaid cover the cost?

Medicaid's policies vary state by state, but it is common to find funding for a stair lift through Medicaid. According to [PayingForSeniorCare.com](https://www.payingforseniorcare.com), Medicaid will likely pay for the cost of a stair lift so long as it will "enable individuals to remain living in their homes and avoid nursing home placement."

To apply for funding, you'll have to fill out a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. These waivers aim to help seniors remain in their homes by covering the cost of "home modifications," such as stair lifts.

Not sure if your state's Medicaid would qualify? For an extensive list of the HCBS waivers offered by each state, [click here](#).

Interested in transitioning from nursing home to home but need a stair lift?

A program called Money Follows the Person might be able to help. Currently active in 44 states (unavailable in FL, NM, UT, WY, AZ, AK), this program allows those on Medicaid the opportunity to move out of a nursing home and into the house of a family member. Occasionally, Money Follows the Person will allow for some type of home modification, such as stair lifts, to assist with the outfitting your new living space.

Are you a Veteran in need of a stairlift?

If you served in the military, the Veteran's Administration (VA) is definitely the first place you should go to inquire about stair lift funding. The VA has a few different options available to fund your "stair glide," as they're called by the organization.

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If your condition isn't related to your military service, you've still got funding opportunities (even if it's for your spouse!). For one, there's the VA Aid and Attendance Benefit. For more information on how to apply for this benefit, [click here](#).



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“Interested in a grant?”

Grant opportunities can also assist you in paying for a stair lift. As a veteran, you might be qualified for a HISA Grant (Home Improvements and Structural Alterations), SHA Grant (Special Home Adaptation), or SAH Grant (Specially Adapted Housing).

“Don't know where your local VA is?”

For a full list of available locations and phone numbers, [click here](#). You may also call 1-800-827-1000 toll-free to find the VA nearest you.

Information on grants and funding for stair lifts can be found:

[Stairlifts Grants and Funding Opportunities - Harmar](#)

[Home Modifications for the Elderly: Loans, Grants & Financial Aid \(payingforseniorcare.com\)](#)

Veteran Assistance: [Disability Housing Grants For Veterans](#) | [Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

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