



Calhoun County Senior Services

Minimum Service Standard

SERVICE NAME: RAMPS FOR ACCESSIBILITY

DEFINITION: A ramp for accessibility is an inclined plane installed in addition to or instead of stairs to enter a home to create accessibility for a senior age 60 and over. Ramps permit wheelchair users, as well as people utilizing walkers, or other wheeled objects easy access to a building.

UNIT OF SERVICE: One unit of service equals one household receiving a ramp for accessibility to their home.

INCOME REQUIREMENT: Yes. Recipients must be at or below 200% of the poverty level as published in the most recent Federal Register.

DESIRED OUTCOME: Providing accessibility to seniors who will be safe and promote continued independence in their own home.

MINIMUM SERVICE STANDARD:

A. Recipient Eligibility Criteria – In addition to the recipient eligibility criteria contained in the “ALL SERVICES” standard, each service provider shall have written eligibility criteria which will include at a minimum:

1. Recipients, or a family member with which the recipient lives, should own and occupy the home being repaired. Ramps may be added to rental housing with the permission of the owner.
2. Each service provider, prior to initiating service, shall determine whether a potential recipient is eligible to receive services through a program supported by other funding sources, particularly programs funded through state or federal grant funds. If it appears that the potential recipient can be served through other resources, an appropriate referral should be made.

B. Service Delivery

1. The service provider shall develop working relationships with other organizations in Calhoun County funding ramps for accessibility and other sources of minor home repair.
2. Ramp construction shall be under the supervision of a licensed builder.
3. Providers shall utilize a checklist of steps/timelines used for applying, approving, and scheduling services. A copy of the checklist shall be given to the recipient so they become a collaborating partner in understanding and complying with the steps.
4. Approved applications may be entered onto a wait list for service scheduling in case of demand exceeding resources. Responding to urgent safety hazards may reprioritize the order of this wait list.
5. Funds awarded for ramps for accessibility may be used for labor costs and to purchase materials used to complete the construction of ramps for senior to have easy accessibility



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to their homes. Funds may also be used to pay contractors, salaries and other normal costs associated with administering the program.

6. The service provider shall check each home to be repaired for compliance with local building codes. If a building permit is required for construction of a ramp locally, the service provider will obtain a permit and arrange for all local inspections. Program funds may pay for any required permits.
7. No ramps may be added to a condemned structure.
8. Each service provider shall establish and utilize written criteria for prioritizing homes to be assisted with ramp construction.
9. Ramps may be reused from one homeowner to another.
10. The service provider shall obtain adequate liability insurance for staff and any volunteers.

C. Ramps constructed for seniors must be built to the Michigan Barrier Free Code, as amended.