

What is required of the providers?

- Be certified by the Illinois Department on Aging and follow all CCP requirements.
- Provide a base AMD unit and necessary activation equipment.
- Deliver, install and provide training to the participant and responsible party who manages the medication, and fills the dispenser.
- Ability to alert the participant when it is time to take medications by verbal, auditory or visual prompts.
- Ability to program the unit locally or remotely according to specified times for medication administration.
- Provide notifications to the responsible party of missed medication doses or other system issues such as power outage.
- Provide access to adherence and monitoring reports via a secure web site.
- Provide ongoing training as needed.
- Provide technical assistance twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Learn more about the Automated Medication Dispenser Service and the Community Care Program.

Call the Illinois Department on Aging Senior HelpLine:

1-800-252-8966
1-888-206-1327 (TTY)
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Or contact your local Care Coordination Unit:

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State of Illinois
Department on Aging

Automated Medication Dispenser (AMD) Service

Providing technology to help you stay independent in the comfort of your own home.



Automated Medication Dispenser (AMD) is a Community Care Program (CCP) Service

The purpose of AMD is to improve medication adherence and promote independence and safety of the participants in their own homes as well as potentially reducing the need for nursing home care.

What is an AMD service?

It is a portable, mechanical device for individual use in a participant's residence, that is programmed to dispense or alert the participant to take non-liquid oral medications. It also provides tracking and caregiver notification of missed medication doses. This system may provide additional medication specific directions, or prompts to take medications via other routes such as liquid medications or injections based on individual need.

What are the benefits?

- Installation and monthly service at no cost to the participant.
- Choice of a wide range of features.
- Reminders to take injections.
- A variety of dispensing medication options.
- Notification of designated responsible party when medications are not taken on time.

"I have such a peace of mind since my mother started using the medication dispenser system. She used to forget her medications, now she rarely misses a dose and if she does I am notified."

Who would benefit from the AMD service?

Persons who:

- take five or more medications taken two or more different times a day,
- understand the need to take medications, respond to alerts to take medication and be physically able to take medications independently from the AMD unit,
- have a willing and reliable responsible party to manage medications and act upon notices of missed medication doses,
- have a history of non-adherence to medication therapy,
- live alone, or do not have the availability of a caregiver to provide regular medication administration,
- have impaired motor function that limits the ability to handle medication receptacles and small pills,
- have tried alternatives such as pill reminders and phone prompts without success, and
- have recently transitioned (within 90 days) from a more restrictive care setting such as a hospital or nursing facility to a private residence.



What are the Eligibility requirements for CCP services?

- You must be 60 years of age or older.
- You must agree to apply for Medical Benefits through the Medicaid application process and accept these benefits if you are eligible. The Care Coordinator will assist you with the application and the required annual redetermination.
- You must be a resident of the State of Illinois at the time you apply for and receive services and supports.
- You must meet citizenship requirements.
- You are determined to be in need of services and supports (i.e., functional or cognitive level of impairment) based on the assessment tool.
- You must meet the asset requirements (e.g., cannot own non-exempt assets over \$17,500). Your home and many other personal belongings are not considered part of your assets and will not be counted. Other exceptions will be explained by your Care Coordinator.
- You must provide all of the required documentation.
- You must meet the Illinois Department on Aging's screening criteria that identifies the potential to benefit from an AMD system.
- You must be willing to cooperate with a Care Coordinator and the AMD service.