

## Division of Specialized Care for Children

# Home Generator Information for Families

The Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Medically Fragile Technology Dependent Children (commonly called the MFTD waiver) may pay for power generators for the participant's primary residence.

### What may the waiver cover?

- Portable generators
- Permanent or installed generators
- Delivery and installation of all necessary components, such as a standard generator pad, fuel line connections and essential electrical connections
- Repairs

### What will the waiver NOT cover?

- Fuel
- Routine maintenance
- Fencing, unless required by codes
- Theft prevention devices such as chains, locks or cameras

### What do I need to do?

- Meet with your Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) Care Coordinator to discuss the need for a generator and make sure it is included in your person-centered plan.
- If you rent, help get your landlord's written permission for the generator.
- Tell your Care Coordinator if you expect to move in the future.
- Allow vendors to visit your home to make recommendations, complete bids and install approved equipment. (The number of bids required will depend on the scope and cost of the project.)
- Tell your Care Coordinator right away about any concerns or problems.

### What else do I need to know?

- The vendor helps determine the type and size of generator. Talk to your Care Coordinator if you have any concerns about the vendors or their bids.
- The cost to buy and install the generator will come out of the five-year \$25,000 fund allocation. If the amount of the project exceeds the available allocation, additional resources will be necessary to fund the difference. The cost is deducted from the allocation based on the date the service is provided.
- No work may begin until the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) issues prior approval. Work done before the written prior approval will not be paid.
- Neither DSCC or HFS is responsible for incidents related to the operation of the generator, enforcement of any warranty, or a contractor or vendor's quality of workmanship.

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