

## Other Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Benefits

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### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Assistive services. Subject to all applicable requirements, TRICARE may cost-share the services of a qualified interpreter or translator for Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) beneficiaries who are deaf and/or mute, readers for ECHO beneficiaries who are blind, and personal assistants for ECHO beneficiaries with other types of qualifying conditions, when such services are necessary to the rendering or delivery of an authorized ECHO service or item.

**3.2** Equipment adaptation. Subject to all applicable requirements, TRICARE may cost-share such services and structural modification to the equipment as necessary to make the equipment serviceable for a particular disability.

**3.3** Equipment maintenance. Reasonable repairs and maintenance for that portion of the useful life of beneficiary owned equipment that was cost-shared through the ECHO and is concurrent with the beneficiary's ECHO eligibility may be cost-shared as an ECHO benefit subject to all applicable requirements.

### 4.0 EXCLUSIONS

**4.1** Services available under the TRICARE Basic Program are not eligible to be cost-shared under the ECHO.

**4.2** Service animals (seeing eye dogs, hearing/handicap assistance dogs, seizure and other detection animals, service monkeys, etc.) are excluded from coverage.

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