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REIMBURSABLE AMOUNTS FOR AUTOMOBILE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

1. PURPOSE: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive updates cost limitations for standard items of automobile adaptive equipment to reflect current prices.

2. POLICY: Allowable reimbursable amounts for certain items of automobile adaptive equipment will be updated annually to reflect increases or decreases in retail prices.

3. ACTION

a. Subject to the following limitations, reimbursable amounts will be the sticker price. If for some reason the window sticker is not available, an itemized factory dealer invoice may be used to substantiate the purchase of the vehicle and the items of automobile adaptive equipment purchased.

b. If the sticker price is available, the amount payable may be more or less than the "standard equipment reimbursable amount," but will not exceed the "maximum sticker reimbursable amount."

c. Copies of previous VHA directives on cost limitations should be retained, as they are necessary for the processing of late claims involving new vehicles from previous model years. Amounts authorized for reimbursement for new vehicles should reflect the VHA directive in effect at the time of purchase.

d. The following reimbursable amounts will be effective with claims processed upon receipt of this Directive.

Item	Standard Equipment Reimbursable Amount	Maximum Sticker Reimbursable Amount
Automatic Transmission	\$797	\$1,050
Power Brakes	170	200
Power Steering	234	290
Power Seat	286	330
Power Windows	240	300
Tilt Steering	153	190
Cruise Control	184	230
Rear Window Defroster	140	190
Air Conditioning	768	960
Power Door Locks	184	230
CB Radio, Antenna and Installation		150

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4. REFERENCES: Title 38 C.F.R. 17.158(b), M-2, Part IX, Chapter 4, “Automobile Adaptive Equipment.”

5. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY: Chief Consultant, Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service, Strategic Healthcare Group (113), is responsible for the content of this VHA Directive.

6. RESCISSIONS: VHA Directive 10-95-39, dated April 14, 1995, is rescinded. This Directive will expire June 29, 2005.

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