

SSES+ Medically Fragile Purchasing Guidelines

As stated in the affidavit, the funds in the SSES+ Medically Fragile account are to **purchase items and/or services that provide an educational benefit** as defined by the student's academic and IEP goals, and are not to be used for other purposes.

Please note: SSES+ Medically Fragile funds are not intended to replace goods and services provided through other programs, such as Medicaid/Medicare or insurance; nor are they intended to replace goods and services to be provided by the student's school district. The SSES+ Medically Fragile program reserves the right to reject any purchase request that risks the misuse of funds.

The following items are **NOT allowed** under SSES+ Medically Fragile purchasing guidelines*:

- More than 1 computer per eligible account
- More than 1 tablet per eligible account
- Food or beverages
- Clothing
- Home goods/appliances
- General furniture

*Exceptions to the list of non-allowable purchase items may only be made if it is shown that the item provides a direct educational benefit to the student. All exceptions to the purchase of items on this list must be approved by TEA.

The SSES+ program has **thresholds and restrictions** on the following items**:

- Headphones - \$200
- Printers - \$400
- Monitors - \$200
- Sports equipment - \$100
- Speakers - \$100
- Microphones - \$100
- Cleaning/Sanitation Supplies – Restricted unless justification is provided

** Families MUST provide an educational or medical justification for exceeding the purchasing thresholds or restrictions and this must be approved by the SSES+ Medically Fragile team.

The following items are some examples of approvable items:

- Adaptive seating and positioning equipment
- Assistive technology and communication devices
- Therapeutic supplies for health and safety
- Materials to aid in life skills
- Adaptive PE equipment for home use
- Lift systems
- Sensory equipment

All purchase requests must be approved by the SSES+ Medically Fragile team. If you are purchasing an item that may be considered questionable, we strongly recommend you provide a justification for your purchase request. This justification should describe the direct educational benefit this purchase will provide to your student. Providing a clear and detailed description that explains how this item will directly benefit your student's educational goals will allow the SSES+ Medically Fragile approvals team to make your order decisions as quickly as possible.