

What DME can be reused?

MERR accepts a variety of DME including, but not limited to:

- Wheelchairs
- Wheelchair Accessories
- Scooters
- Stenders
- Patient Lifts
- Gait Trainers
- Hospital Beds
- Speech Generating Devices

To learn more about DME accepted by MERR, please call 605.271.5074.



Contact Medical Equipment Recycle & Reuse

For further assistance, information or questions about the MERR program, please contact us by:

Phone:

605.271.5074 or 1.866.274.2594

Email:

merrinfo@dakotalink.net

Online:

www.sd.at4all.com

Choose **ITEMS** from the horizontal menu bar at the top of the page. Then choose **South Dakota Medicaid Reuse Program** from the PROGRAM drop down menu to view available items. You can view more information about an item by clicking on the **item name**. If interested in the item, click **Request Item** or contact us at 605.271.5074.

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support
South Dakotans
with disabilities



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Medical Equipment Reuse & Recycle Program

DakotaLink has partnered with the Department of Social Services to form the Medical Equipment Reuse and Recycle (MERR) program. This program serves as a resource for individuals to donate equipment that has served its purpose or is no longer needed.

Donations provide quality durable medical equipment that otherwise might remain unused to those in need. MERR sanitizes and refurbishes donated equipment to return the

equipment to peak performance. MERR also works with durable medical equipment providers to repair equipment if needed to ensure quality before re-distributing the equipment to a South Dakota resident in need.

What is durable medical equipment?

Durable medical equipment (DME) is equipment that can withstand repeated use and is primarily used to serve a medical purpose. DME devices play an important role in helping individuals live independently at home, in school, at work or in the community.

Individuals often need DME to help maintain their independence or to improve their quality of life. DME can be a wheelchair that provides increased access to the community, a gait trainer that helps a child increase mobility or a device that allows an individual to communicate.

How does MERR work?

- Individuals **identify** items no longer in use.
- Individuals **donate** items to MERR.
- MERR **cleans and restores**

devices to manufacturer's specifications.

- Equipment is listed in the MERR inventory online.
- Equipment is **redistributed** to individuals in need. Priority is given to South Dakota Medicaid recipients, but anyone may be eligible to receive DME.
- A fee for refurbishment costs is charged to non-Medicaid recipients to support program costs.

How can I donate equipment?

Individuals can support the South Dakota MERR program by donating items like wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, scooters and other medical or adaptive equipment.

Items should be in a condition where they would benefit others, with only minor wear and tear that can be repaired and restored.

Donations can be dropped off by appointment at:

South Dakota Medical Equipment
Reuse & Recycle
3411 S Center Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

If the item is too large to drop off, MERR will pick up any items in the Sioux Falls area.

