

# Therapeutic Home Adaptations for Older Adults with Disabilities

Table 4.

## Home Modifications for Patients with Hearing Loss

Activate closed captioning on televisions

Install appropriate furnishings to improve room acoustics (e.g., acoustic tiles, carpeting, furniture, tapestries, wall hangings)

Install doorbells or intercom systems that activate flashing lights or vibrating pager; or wireless doorbells with volume control and multiple receivers (some have flashing lights)

Install doors with vibration sensors that activate when visitors knock

Install security system: hardwiring or plug-in systems for strobes, bed-shakers, etc.

Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors with flashing strobe light, extra-loud alarm, pillow vibrator, or paging system

Install spring-loaded handles or motion detectors for faucets

Provide assistive devices for television, radio, or stereo (e.g., personal amplifiers, FM and infrared systems)

Provide wristwatches and timers with vibration

Use personal pager system for communication

Use telephones and cell phones with special equipment

Use weather warnings with pager systems or weather radios with sound/strobe/vibration systems

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