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Modifications to Living Spaces Make Injured Employees Feel at Home

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When a 33-year-old man was grievously injured at work, the last thing he might have expected he would need as part of his recovery was a real estate agent.

But that’s exactly what the father of two required after falling from a second-story balcony on the job and becoming a paraplegic. Following the accident, our team at Apricus was tasked with finding a new house for the man, whom we’ll call Bill, so that he could continue raising his son and daughter.

Bill’s challenges and the steps needed to help him get closer to the life he led before his injury illustrate the invaluable benefits that can arise from home modifications following workplace injuries. Bill’s situation also underscores how broad-based specialty networks that offer a range of services can meet the sometimes-extraordinary needs of those who get hurt on the job.

Home modifications, which involve everything from installing railings, ramps, and high-seat toilets to widening doorways to accommodate wheelchairs, are just one aspect of the benefits a specialty network can deliver. Others include home health, diagnostic services,

durable medical equipment, and transportation and translation. Together, these offerings demonstrate the diversity yet indispensability of services that fall under specialty networks. Indeed, this range highlights how important it is that injured workers have access to any number of services that could prove instrumental to their recoveries.

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