

## Monrovia Providers Group

Foothills Resources for the Aging

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Client is a 72 year old male living alone in Temple City. The client suffers from HBP, type II diabetes, anxiety and Neuropathy in his feet. When I first met client, his home was extremely dirty and cluttered. Conditions in the bathroom and kitchen were so deplorable they raised safety concerns, as client is unable to maintain them himself. I assisted client with hiring an IHSS provider and since then the condition of the home has improved greatly. Bathroom and kitchen are now clean and no longer pose safety concerns. Provider has also assisted client with minimizing clutter so that all walkways are clear. At my most recent home visit, client reported not having a working vacuum making it difficult for the provider to properly clean. As client only receives \$897.40 a month in SSI and retirement benefits he cannot afford to purchase a new one on his own. I spoke with a medical supply company, Whittier Drugs, whom the agency works with regularly and they sent me a quote for a durable and lightweight **Dirt Devil Vacuum that costs \$125.00**. Kristy informed me that she has received very good reviews from seniors about the product because it is light weight, easy to use and lasts a long time. I compared their pricing with other businesses such as Walmart/Target and found Whittier Drugs to have comparable if not better pricing. Also, they will accept third party checks, whereas this tends to be a problem with larger business like Walmart. If this grant is approved, clients home will continue to be maintained and living conditions improved. MPG's help would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.

***The client who was granted the vacuum received it over the weekend. I met with him yesterday and the improvement to the cleanliness of the carpet is remarkable. The new vacuum has already made a significant difference in cleaning up the home and will continue to assist with maintaining it. The client was very grateful and couldn't believe how dirty the carpet actually was. The caregiver is also very thankful as it has made it possible for her to properly clean the home. I have asked the client to send a thank you card. Let me know if you have any other questions.***

Thanks,  
Jennifer Clark