

Wheelchairs and Power Vehicles

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SCOPE: Providence Health Plan, Providence Health Assurance, and Providence Plan Partners as applicable (referred to individually as “Company” and collectively as “Companies”).

PLAN PRODUCT AND BENEFIT APPLICATION

☒ Commercial

☒ Medicaid/OHP*

☐ Medicare**

*Medicaid/OHP Members

Oregon: Services requested for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members follow the OHP Prioritized List and Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) as the primary resource for coverage determinations. Medical policy criteria below may be applied when there are no criteria available in the OARs and the OHP Prioritized List.

Notice to Medicaid Policy Readers: For comprehensive rules and guidelines pertaining to this policy, readers are advised to consult the Oregon Health Authority. It is essential to ensure full understanding and compliance with the state's regulations and directives. Please refer to OHA's OARs and prioritized list for the following coverage guidelines:

Manual Wheelchair Base: OAR 410-122-0320
Power Wheelchair Base: OAR 410-122-0325
Power Operated Vehicle: OAR 410-122-0330
Wheelchair Options/Accessories: OAR 410-122-0340
Pediatric Wheelchairs: OAR 410-122-0720

**Medicare Members

This Company policy may be applied to Medicare Plan members only when directed by a separate Medicare policy. Note that investigational services are considered “**not medically necessary**” for Medicare members.

COVERAGE CRITERIA

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Manual Wheelchair Bases

- I. A manual wheelchair (E1037-E1039, E1161, K0001–K0009) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following are met:
 - A. The chair is required for use inside the member's home; **and**
 - B. The member has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs) such as toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, and bathing in customary locations in the home. A mobility limitation is one that:
 1. Prevents the member from accomplishing an MRADL entirely, **or**
 2. Places the member at reasonably determined heightened risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to perform an MRADL; **or**
 3. Prevents the member from completing an MRADL within a reasonable time frame; **and**
 - C. The member's mobility limitation cannot be sufficiently resolved by the use of an appropriately fitted cane or walker; **and**
 - D. The member's home provides adequate access between rooms, maneuvering space, and surfaces for use of the manual wheelchair that is provided; **and**
 - E. Use of a manual wheelchair will significantly improve the member's ability to participate in MRADLs and the member will use it on a regular basis in the home; **and**
 - F. The member has not expressed an unwillingness to use the manual wheelchair that is provided in the home; **and**
 - G. The member meets either of the following criteria:
 1. Sufficient upper extremity function and other physical and mental capabilities needed to safely self-propel the manual wheelchair that is provided in the home during a typical day. Limitations of strength, endurance, range of motion, or coordination, presence of pain, or deformity or absence of one or both upper extremities are relevant to the assessment of upper extremity function; **or**
 2. The member has a caregiver who is available, willing, and able to provide assistance with the wheelchair.
- II. A transport chair (E1037, E1038 or E1039) may be considered **medically necessary** as an alternative to a standard manual wheelchair (K0001) if basic coverage criteria I.A-F **and** I.G.2 above are met.

- III. A standard hemi-wheelchair (K0002) may be considered **medically necessary** when both of the following are met (A-B):
 - A. Basic coverage criteria (I.A-G) are met; **and**
 - B. A lower seat height (17" to 18") is required because of short stature or to enable the beneficiary to place his/her feet on the ground for propulsion.
- IV. A lightweight wheelchair (K0003) may be considered **medically necessary** when a member meets both of the following criteria (A-C):
 - A. Basic coverage criteria (I.A-G) are met; **and**
 - B. Cannot self-propel in a standard wheelchair in the home; **and**
 - C. The member can and does self-propel in a lightweight wheelchair.
- V. A high strength lightweight wheelchair (K0004) may be considered **medically necessary** when a member meets the following criteria (A-C):
 - A. Basic coverage criteria (I.A-G) are met; **and**
 - B. The member self-propels the wheelchair while engaging in frequent activities in the home that cannot be performed in a standard or lightweight wheelchair; **and**
 - C. The member requires a seat width, depth, or height that cannot be accommodated in a standard, lightweight or hemi-wheelchair, and spends at least two hours per day in the wheelchair.

Note: A high strength lightweight wheelchair is rarely reasonable and necessary if the expected duration of need is less than three months (e.g., post-operative recovery).

- VI. An ultra-lightweight manual wheelchair (K0005) may be considered **medically necessary** for a member if the following criteria are met:
 - A. Basic coverage criteria (I.A-G) are met; **and**
 - B. The member either:
 - 1. Is a full-time manual wheelchair user; **OR**
 - 2. Requires individualized fitting and adjustments for one or more features such as, but not limited to, axle configuration, wheel camber, or seat and back angles, and which cannot be accommodated by a K0001 through K0004 manual wheelchair; **AND**
 - C. The member must have a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional (LCMP), such as a PT or OT, or physician who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the medical necessity for the wheelchair and its special features. The LCMP may have no financial relationship with the supplier; **AND**
 - D. The wheelchair is provided by a Rehabilitative Technology Supplier (RTS) that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the patient.

- VII. A heavy duty wheelchair (K0006) may be considered **medically necessary** if both of the following are met (A-B):
- A. Basic coverage criteria (I.A-G) are met; **and**
 - B. The member weighs more than 250 pounds or the member has severe spasticity.
- VIII. An extra heavy duty wheelchair (K0007) may be considered **medically necessary** if both of the following are met (A-B):
- A. Basic coverage criteria (I.A-G) are met; **and**
 - B. The member weighs more than 300 pounds.
- IX. A manual wheelchair with tilt in space (E1161) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member meets all of the following criteria:
- A. The basic coverage criteria for a manual wheelchair above (I.A-F) is met; **and**
 - B. The member has a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional (LCMP), such as a PT or OT, or physician who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the medical necessity for both the wheelchair and any special features.
 - C. The wheelchair is provided by a Rehabilitative Technology Supplier (RTS) that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the patient.
- X. A custom manual wheelchair base (K0008) may be considered **medically necessary** if both of the following are met (A-B):
- A. Basic coverage criteria (I.A-G) are met; **and**
 - B. The specific configuration required to address the member's physical and/or functional deficits cannot be met using one of the standard manual wheelchair bases plus an appropriate combination of wheelchair seating systems, cushions, options or accessories (prefabricated or custom fabricated) and that the individual construction of a unique individual manual wheelchair base is required; and
 - C. The expected duration of need is greater than three months
- XI. A custom manual wheelchair is considered **not medically necessary** if the above criteria (X) are not met.
- XII. A manual wheelchair is considered **not medically necessary** if the above criteria (I-XI) are not met.
- XIII. If the manual wheelchair base is not covered, then related accessories will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XIV. One month's rental for a standard manual wheelchair (K0001) may be considered **medically necessary** if a member-owned wheelchair is being repaired.

Wheelchair Options and Accessories

- XV. Options and accessories for wheelchairs may be considered **medically necessary** if the member has a wheelchair that meets the above criteria (I-XIV) and the option/accessory itself is medically necessary (see criteria below).

Arm of chair

- XVI. Adjustable arm height option (E0973, K0017, K0018, and K0020) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member requires an arm height that is different than that available using nonadjustable arms and the beneficiary spends at least 2 hours per day in the wheelchair.
- XVII. An arm trough (E2209) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member has quadriplegia, hemiplegia, or uncontrolled arm movements.

Footrest/Leg rest

- XVIII. Elevating leg rests (E0990, K0046, K0047, K0053, K0195) may be considered **medically necessary** if:
- A. The member has a musculoskeletal condition or the presence of a cast or brace which prevents 90 degree flexion at the knee; **or**
 - B. The member has significant edema of the lower extremities that requires an elevating leg rest; **or**
 - C. The member meets the criteria for and has a reclining back on the wheelchair.

Nonstandard seat frame dimensions

- XIX. A nonstandard seat width and/or depth for a manual wheelchair (E2201-E2204) may be considered **medically necessary** only if the member's physical dimensions justify the need.

Wheels/tires for manual wheelchairs

- XX. A gear reduction drive wheel (E2227) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following criteria (A-C) are met:
- A. The member has been self-propelling in a manual wheelchair for at least one year; **and**
 - B. The member has had a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a PT or OT, or physician who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the need for the device in the beneficiary's home. The PT, OT, or physician may have no financial relationship with the supplier; **and**
 - C. The wheelchair is provided by a supplier that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the member.

Batteries/chargers

- XXI. Up to two batteries (E2359, E2361, E2363, E2365, E2371, K0733) at any one time may be considered **medically necessary** if required for a power wheelchair.
- XXII. A non-sealed battery (E2358, E2360, E2362, E2364, E2372) will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XXIII. A single mode battery charger (E2366) is considered **medically necessary** for charging a sealed lead acid battery.
- XXIV. A dual mode battery charger (E2367) provided as a replacement for a single mode battery charger will be considered **not medically necessary**.

Power tilt and/or recline seating systems (E1002-E1012)

- XXV. A power seating system – tilt only, recline only, or combination tilt and recline – with or without power elevating leg rests may be considered **medically necessary** if the following criteria are met:
 - A. The member meets all the coverage criteria for a power wheelchair described below; **and**
 - B. A specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a physical therapist (PT) or occupational therapist (OT) or physician who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations of the beneficiary's seating and positioning needs. The PT, OT, or physician may have no financial relationship with the supplier; **and**
 - C. The wheelchair is provided by a supplier that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the member; **and**
 - D. One of the following criteria is met:
 - 1. The member is at high risk for development of a pressure ulcer and is unable to perform a functional weight shift; **or**
 - 2. The member utilizes intermittent catheterization for bladder management and is unable to independently transfer from the wheelchair to bed; **or**
 - 3. The power seating system is needed to manage increased tone or spasticity.
- XXVI. If criteria XXV (A-D) are not met, the power seating component(s) will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XXVII. A power standing feature (E2301) is considered **not medically necessary**.
- XXVIII. An electrical connection device for power seating system motors described by code E2310 or E2311 may be **medically necessary** if required for the effective use of a medically necessary and covered power seating system (e.g., tilt, recline, or combination systems [E1002-E1010, E1012 or power seat elevation system [E2298]]. See Criterion XXV for potentially covered power seating systems)

- XXIX. Electrical connection devices for power seating system motors (E2310 or E2311) are considered **not medically necessary** if the sole function of the connection is for a non-covered power seating system or feature (e.g., a power seating feature for which the member does not meet the criteria for or a power standing [E2301] feature; See Criterion XXVII for power standing system).

Power wheelchair drive control systems

- XXX. An attendant control may be considered **medically necessary** in place of a member-operated drive control system if both of the following are met:
- A. The member meets coverage criteria for a power wheelchair; **and**
 - B. Is unable to operate a manual or power wheelchair and has a caregiver who is unable to operate a manual wheelchair but is able to operate a power wheelchair.
- XXXI. An electronic interface (E2351) to allow a speech generating device to be operated by the power wheelchair control interface may be considered **medically necessary** if the member has a covered speech generating device.

Miscellaneous accessories

- XXXII. Anti-rollback device (E0974) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member self-propels and needs the device because of ramps.
- XXXIII. A safety belt/pelvic strap (E0978) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member has weak upper body muscles, upper body instability or muscle spasticity which requires use of this item for proper positioning.
- XXXIV. A swing away, retractable, or removable hardware (E1028, E1032-E1034) may be considered **medically necessary** if the component needed to be moved out of the way so that a member can perform a slide transfer to a chair or bed.
- XXXV. A manual fully reclining back option (E1226) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member has one or more of the following conditions:
- A. The member is at high risk for development of a pressure ulcer and is unable to perform a functional weight shift; **or**
 - B. The member utilizes intermittent catheterization for bladder management and is unable to independently transfer from the wheelchair to the bed.
- XXXVI. If criterion XXXV is not met, the manual reclining back will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XXXVII. Swingaway, retractable, or removable hardware (E1028, E1032-E1034) are considered **not medically necessary** if the primary indication for its use is to allow the member to move close to desks or other surfaces.

Wheelchair Seating

- XXXVIII. A general use seat cushion (E2601, E2602) and a general use wheelchair back cushion (E2611-E2612) may be considered **medically necessary** for a member who has a manual wheelchair or a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back which meets coverage criteria.
- XXXIX. If the member does not have a covered wheelchair, then the cushion will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XL. If the member has a power-operated vehicle (POV) or a power wheelchair with a captain's chair seat, the cushion will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XLI. If a general use cushion is provided with a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back instead of Captain's Chair, the wheelchair and the cushion(s) may be considered **medically necessary** if either criterion (A or B) is met:
- A. The cushion is provided with a covered power wheelchair base that is not available in a Captain's Chair model – i.e., codes K0839, K0840, K0843, K0860 – K0864, K0870, K0871, K0879, K0880, K0886, K0890, K0891; **or**
 - B. A skin protection and/or positioning seat or back cushion that meets coverage criteria is provided.
- XLII. If criterion XLI is not met, both the power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat and the general use cushion will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XLIII. If the member has a POV or a power wheelchair with a captain's chair seat, a separate seat and/or back cushion will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XLIV. A skin protection seat cushion (E2603, E2604, E2622, E2623) may be considered **medically necessary** for a member who meets both of the following criteria:
- A. The member has a manual wheelchair or a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back and the member meets coverage criteria for it; **and**
 - B. The member has either of the following:
 - 1. Current pressure ulcer or past history of a pressure ulcer on the area of contact with the seating surface; **or**
 - 2. Absent or impaired sensation in the area of contact with the seating surface, postural asymmetries, or inability to carry out a functional weight shift due to one of the following diagnoses: spinal cord injury resulting in quadriplegia or paraplegia, other spinal cord disease, multiple sclerosis, other demyelinating disease, cerebral palsy, anterior horn cell diseases including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, post-polio paralysis, traumatic brain injury resulting in quadriplegia, spina bifida, childhood cerebral degeneration, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy, hemiplegia, Huntington's chorea, idiopathic torsion

dystonia, athetoid cerebral palsy, arthrogryposis, osteogenesis imperfecta, spinocerebellar disease or transverse myelitis.

- XLV. A positioning seat cushion (E2605, E2606), positioning back cushion (E2613-E2616, E2620, E2621), and positioning accessory (E0955-E0957, E0960) may be considered **medically necessary** for a member who meets both of the following criteria:
- A. The member has a manual wheelchair or a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back and the member meets coverage criteria for it; **and**
 - B. The member has any significant postural asymmetries that are due to one of the diagnoses listed in criterion XLIV.B.2 above or to one of the following diagnoses: monoplegia of the lower limb due to stroke, traumatic brain injury, or other etiology; spinocerebellar disease; above knee leg amputation, osteogenesis imperfecta, transverse myelitis.
- XLVI. A headrest (E0955) may be considered **medically necessary** when the member has a covered manual tilt-in-space, manual semi or fully reclining back on a manual wheelchair, a manual fully reclining back on a power wheelchair, or power tilt and/or recline power seating system.
- XLVII. If the member has a POV or a power wheelchair with a captain's chair seat, a headrest or other positioning accessory will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- XLVIII. A combination skin protection and positioning seat cushion (E2607, E2608, E2624, E2625) is considered **medically necessary** for a member who meets the criteria for both a skin protection seat cushion and a positioning seat cushion.
- XLIX. If a skin protection seat cushion, positioning seat cushion or combination skin protection and positioning seat cushion is provided and if the stated coverage criteria are not met, it will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- L. If a positioning back cushion is provided for a member who does not meet the stated coverage criteria, it will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LI. If a positioning accessory is provided and the criteria are not met, the item will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LII. A custom fabricated seat cushion (E2609) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member meets all of the criteria for a prefabricated skin protection seat cushion or positioning seat cushion (Criterion XLIV) **and** all of the criteria for a prefabricated positioning back cushion (Criterion XLV).
- LIII. A custom fabricated back cushion (E2617) may be considered **medically necessary** if the member meets all the criteria for a prefabricated back cushion (Criterion XLV) **and** there is a comprehensive written evaluation by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a physical therapist (PT) or occupational therapist (OT), which clearly explains why a

prefabricated seating system is not sufficient to meet the beneficiary's seating and positioning needs.

- LIV. A seat or back cushion that is provided for use with a transport chair (E1037, E1038) will be considered **not medically necessary**. Transport chairs are small, lightweight portable wheelchairs specifically designed for short-term, short-duration use. To keep the item lightweight and ideal for transport, comfort and postural support are not built into the design, and because they are not designed to serve as a primary means of mobility for an individual, accessories such as cushions or back supports are not considered medically necessary for these items.

Power Mobility Devices

- LV. Power mobility devices or push-rim activated power assist devices may be considered **medically necessary** when all of the following criteria are met:
- A. The power mobility device is required for use inside the member's home; **and**
 - B. The member has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs) such as toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, and bathing in customary locations in the home. A mobility limitation is one that:
 - 1. Prevents the beneficiary from accomplishing an MRADL entirely, **or**
 - 2. Places the beneficiary at reasonably determined heightened risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to perform an MRADL; **or**
 - 3. Prevents the beneficiary from completing an MRADL within a reasonable time frame.
 - C. The member's mobility limitation cannot be sufficiently and safely resolved by the use of an appropriately fitted cane or walker.
 - D. The member does not have sufficient upper extremity function to self-propel an optimally-configured manual wheelchair in the home to perform MRADLs during a typical day.
 - 1. Limitations of strength, endurance, range of motion, or coordination, presence of pain, or deformity or absence of one or both upper extremities are relevant to the assessment of upper extremity function.
 - 2. An optimally-configured manual wheelchair is one with an appropriate wheelbase, device weight, seating options, and other appropriate nonpowered accessories.
- LVI. A Powered Operated Vehicle (POV) (K0800, K0801, K0802, K0812) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following criteria are met:
- A. Criterion LV (A-D) has been met.
 - B. The member is able to:
 - 1. Safely transfer to and from a POV; **and**
 - 2. Operate the tiller steering system; **and**
 - 3. Maintain postural stability and position while operating the POV in the home.

- C. The member's mental capabilities (e.g., cognition, judgment) and physical capabilities (e.g., vision) are sufficient for safe mobility using a POV in the home.
 - D. The member's home provides adequate access between rooms, maneuvering space, and surfaces for the operation of the POV that is provided.
 - E. The member's weight is less than or equal to the weight capacity of the POV that is provided and greater than or equal to 95% of the weight capacity of the next lower weight class POV – i.e., a Heavy Duty POV is covered for a beneficiary weighing 285 – 450 pounds; a Very Heavy Duty POV is covered for a beneficiary weighing 428 – 600 pounds.
 - F. Use of a POV will significantly improve the member's ability to participate in MRADLs and the beneficiary will use it in the home.
 - G. The member has not expressed an unwillingness to use a POV in the home.
- LVII. If coverage criteria LVI.A-G are not met, a POV will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LVIII. Group 2 POVs (K0806-K0808) are considered **not medically necessary**. These items are considered to have extra capabilities that are not needed for use in the home and therefore, exceed what is considered to be medically reasonable and necessary by Medicare.
- LIX. A power wheelchair (PWC) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following is met:
- A. Basic coverage criteria for Power Mobility Devices are met (criterion LV.A-D.); **and**
 - B. The member does **not** meet coverage criterion LVI.B, LVI.C, or LVI.D for a POV; **and**
 - C. One of the following is met:
 - 1. The member has the mental and physical capabilities to safely operate the power wheelchair that is provided; **or**
 - 2. The member has a caregiver who is unable to adequately propel an optimally configured manual wheelchair, but is available, willing, and able to safely operate the power wheelchair that is provided; **and**
 - D. All of the following are met:
 - 1. The member's weight is less than or equal to the weight capacity of the power wheelchair that is provided and greater than or equal to 95% of the weight capacity of the next lower weight class PWC; and
 - 2. The member's home provides adequate access between rooms, maneuvering space, and surfaces for the operation of the power wheelchair that is provided; and
 - 3. Use of a power wheelchair will significantly improve the member's ability to participate in MRADLs and the member will use it in the home. For members with severe cognitive and/or physical impairments, participation in MRADLs may require the assistance of a caregiver; and
 - 4. The member has not expressed an unwillingness to use a power wheelchair in the home.
 - E. Any coverage criteria pertaining to specific wheelchair types are met.
- LX. If coverage criteria for a PWC (LIX.A-E) are not met, the PWC and all accessories will be considered **not medically necessary**.

Additional Criteria for Specific Types Of Power Wheelchairs (PWC):

- LXI. A Group 1 PWC (K0813-K0816) or a Group 2 PWC (K0820-K0829) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the coverage criteria for a PWC (criterion LIX) are met and the wheelchair is appropriate for the member's weight.
- LXII. A Group 2 Single Power Option PWC (K0835 – K0840) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the coverage criteria for a PWC (criterion LIX) are met and if:
- A. One of the following criteria is met:
 - 1. The member requires a drive control interface other than a hand or chin-operated standard proportional joystick (examples include but are not limited to head control, sip and puff, switch control); and
 - 2. The member meets coverage criteria for a power tilt or a power recline seating system (criterion XXV) and the system is being used on the wheelchair; **and**
 - B. The member has had a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a physical therapist (PT) or occupational therapist (OT), or practitioner who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the medical necessity for the wheelchair and its special features (see Documentation Requirements section).
 - C. The wheelchair is provided by a supplier that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the member.
- LXIII. If a Group 2 Single Power Option PWC is provided and if criterion LXII.A-C is not met (including but not limited to situations in which it is only provided to accommodate a power seat elevation feature, a power standing feature, or power elevating leg rests), it will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LXIV. A Group 2 Multiple Power Option PWC (K0841-K0843) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the coverage criteria for a PWC (criterion LIX) are met and if:
- A. One of the following criteria is met:
 - 1. The member meets coverage criteria for a power tilt or a power recline seating system (criterion XXV) and the system is being used on the wheelchair; **or**
 - 2. The member uses a ventilator which is mounted on the wheelchair; **and**
 - B. The member has had a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a PT or OT, or practitioner who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the medical necessity for the wheelchair and its special features (see Documentation Requirements section).
 - C. The wheelchair is provided by a supplier that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the member.

- LXV. If a Group 2 Multiple Power Option PWC is provided and if criterion LXIV. is not met, it will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LXVI. A Group 3 PWC with no power options (K0848-K0855) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the coverage criteria for a PWC (criterion LIX) are met and if:
- A. The member's mobility limitation is due to a neurological condition, myopathy, or congenital skeletal deformity; **and**
 - B. The member has had a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a PT or OT, or practitioner who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the medical necessity for the wheelchair and its special features (see Documentation Requirements section). **and**
 - C. The wheelchair is provided by a supplier that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the member.
- LXVII. If a Group 3 PWC is provided and if criteria LXVI are not met, it will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LXVIII. A Group 3 PWC with Single Power Option (K0856-K0860) or with Multiple Power Options (K0861-K0864) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following are met:
- A. The Group 3 criteria LXVI.A-C are met; **and**
 - B. The Group 2 Single Power Option (criterion LXI) or Multiple Power Options (criterion LXIII) are met.
- LXIX. If a Group 3 Single Power Option or Multiple Power Options PWC is provided and if criterion LXVI.A-B are not met, it will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LXX. Group 4 PWCs (K0868-K0886) are considered **not medically necessary**. These items have extra capabilities for use outside the home built into their design (e.g., designed for use over various terrains, higher speed motor, etc.), and therefore, exceed what is considered to be medically reasonable and necessary.
- LXXI. A Group 5 (Pediatric) PWC with Single Power Option (K0890) or with Multiple Power Options (K0891) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following are met:
- A. All the coverage criteria for a PWC (criterion LIX) are met; **and**
 - B. The member is expected to grow in height; **and**
 - C. The Group 2 Single Power Option (criterion LXII) or Multiple Power Options (criterion LXIV) are met.
- LXXII. If a Group 5 PWC is provided and criteria LXXI.A-C are not met, it will be considered **not medically necessary**.

- LXXIII. A push-rim activated power assist device (E0986) for a manual wheelchair may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following criteria are met:
- A. All of the criteria for a power mobility device (criterion LV) are met; **and**
 - B. The member has been self-propelling in a manual wheelchair for at least one year; **and**
 - C. The member has had a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a PT or OT, or practitioner who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the need for the device in the beneficiary's home; **and**
 - D. The wheelchair is provided by a supplier that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair selection for the member.
- LXXIV. A custom motorized/power wheelchair base (K0013) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following criteria are met:
- A. The member meets the general coverage criteria for a power wheelchair (criterion LIX); **and**
 - B. The specific configurational needs of the member are not able to be met using wheelchair cushions, or options or accessories (prefabricated or custom fabricated), which may be added to another power wheelchair base.
- LXXV. A custom motorized/power wheelchair base is considered **not medically necessary** if the expected duration of need for the chair is less than three months (e.g., post-operative recovery). For short-term needs, these items exceed what is considered medically reasonable and necessary.
- LXXVI. If the PWC base is considered not medically and not covered, then related accessories will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LXXVII. If a heavy duty, very heavy duty, or extra heavy duty PWC or POV is provided and if the member's weight is outside the range (i.e., for heavy duty: 285 – 400 pounds, for very heavy duty: 428 – 600 pounds, for extra heavy duty 570 pounds or more), it will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LXXVIII. An add-on to convert a manual wheelchair to a joystick-controlled power mobility device (E0983) or to a tiller-controlled power mobility device (E0984) will be considered **not medically necessary**.
- LXXIX. The following are considered **not medically necessary**.
- A. Wheelchairs (manual, POV, PWC, etc.) with an intended purpose for use *outside* the home only (e.g., member does not meet the above required criteria for the requested chair or does not require a mobility assist device for use inside their home, but requests a mobility assist device for use in other settings, such as for use shopping, to use while visiting another person's home, for recreational outings, for travel, etc.).

1. This includes requesting a wheelchair model which exceeds the individual's mobility needs within the home to accommodate mobility outside the home (e.g., requesting a higher level of wheelchair to allow the individual access to their yard without getting stuck).
 - B. Backup chairs of any type (manual wheelchair, POV, PWC, etc.).
- LXXX. One month's rental of a PWC or POV (K0462) may be considered **medically necessary** and covered if a member-owned wheelchair is being repaired.
- LXXXI. A power mobility device will be considered **not medically necessary** if the underlying condition is reversible and the length of need is less than 3 months (e.g., following lower extremity surgery which limits ambulation). For short-term needs, these items exceed what is considered medically reasonable and necessary
- LXXXII. A power seat elevation feature (E2298) may be considered **medically necessary** if all of the following criteria (A.-C.) are met:
- A. The member meets criteria for **one** of the following complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs (1.- 4.) (see [Billing Guidelines](#) below for more information):
 1. A Group 2 single power option power-driven wheelchair, Criterion LXII (K0835, K0836, K0837, K0838, K0839, K0840); **or**
 2. A Group 2 multiple power option power-driven wheelchair, Criterion LXIV (K0841, K0842, K0843); **or**
 3. A Group 3 power driven wheelchair, Criteria LXVI or LXVIII (K0848-K0864); **or**
 4. A Group 5 (Pediatric) power-driven wheelchair, Criterion LXXI (single power Option, K0890) (multiple power Option, K0891)
 - B. A specialty evaluation to confirms the patient's ability to safely operate the seat elevation equipment in the home has been performed. (This evaluation must be performed by a licensed/certified medical professional such as a physical therapist (PT), occupational therapist (OT), or other practitioner, who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations); and
 - C. At least one of the following (1-3) apply:
 1. The patient performs weight bearing transfers to/from the power wheelchair while in the home, using either their upper extremities during a non-level (uneven) sitting transfer and/or their lower extremities during a sit to stand transfer. Transfers may be accomplished with or without caregiver assistance and/or the use of assistive equipment (e.g. sliding board, cane, crutch, walker, etc.)
 2. The patient requires a non-weight bearing transfer (e.g. a dependent transfer) to/from the power wheelchair while in the home. Transfers may be accomplished with or without a floor or mounted lift.
 3. The patient performs reaching from the power wheelchair to complete one or more mobility related activities of daily living (MRADLs) such as toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming and bathing in customary locations within the home. MRADLs may be accomplished with or without caregiver assistance and/or the use of assistive equipment.

Non-Covered Features

LXXXIII. The following features are always considered **not medically necessary** for any type of manual wheelchair, PWC, or POV if they are determined to be convenience items, items which are not primarily medical in nature, items which do not meet the Medicare definition of DME, **or** when medical necessity coverage criteria above for that item or feature are not met (when applicable):

- A. Stair climbing (A9270) (does not meet the Medicare definition of DME; considered a convenience feature);
- B. Electronic balance (A9270),
- C. Ability to elevate the seat by balancing on two wheels (A9270),
- D. Remote operation (A9270) (considered a convenience feature; not primarily medical in nature);
- E. An electronic interface used to control lights or other electrical devices (considered a convenience feature; not primarily medical in nature);
- F. A manual standing system for a manual wheelchair (E2230),
- G. Any option or accessory that is beneficial primarily in allowing the member to perform leisure or recreational activities (not primarily medical in nature);
- H. An attendant control (E2331) provided **in addition to** a patient-operated drive control system (medical necessity criterion XXX not met; this would also be considered the provision of the same/similar item already available for use to the member);
- I. A power standing feature (E2301) (not primarily medical in nature);
- J. Powered seat cushions (E2610) (the effectiveness of a powered seat cushion has not been established so these are considered not medically reasonable and necessary);
- K. A power seat elevation system on wheelchairs **other than** Group 5 and complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs (e.g., K0830, K0831). (Code E2298 should **not** be used in these situations, instead K0108 or K0830/K0831 would be used. See [Policy Guidelines](#) and [Billing Guidelines](#) below) (medical necessity criteria LXXXII not met,);
- L. Wheelchair transportation or transit securement systems (E1022, E1023) (do not meet the Medicare definition of DME).

Replacements

LXXXIV. Replacement of a manual wheelchair, PWC, or POV may be considered **medically necessary** for member-owned equipment when all of the following (A-B) are met:

- A. One of the following applies:
 - 1. There is a significant change in the physical condition of the patient and the current wheelchair, POV, or PWC no longer meets the member's medical needs; **or**
 - 2. Replacement is needed due to irreparable *damage* (e.g., fire, flood, etc.) or if the existing equipment is lost or stolen; **or**
 - 3. When replacement is needed due to irreparable *wear* and when the reasonable useful lifetime (RUL) of the equipment has been reached (at least 5 years) and the equipment has been in continuous use by the patient; **or**

4. The cost to repair the existing equipment exceeds the purchase price of a replacement; **and**
- B. Item is not under manufacturer warranty that would cover the costs of repair or replacement.

LXXXV. Replacement of components or accessories may be considered **medically necessary** for **member-owned** equipment when both of the following (A-B) are met:

- A. The item is otherwise medically necessary and coverage criteria were met for initial issue; **and**
- B. The item continues to provide therapeutic clinical benefit for the member.

LXXXVI. Replacement of a **rented** wheelchair, POV, or PWC or components of such are considered **not medically necessary**. Rental equipment is owned by the DME supplier and suppliers are responsible for providing any needed replacement equipment or components.

Link to [Evidence Summary](#)

POLICY CROSS REFERENCES

- [Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies \(DMEPOS\), MP142](#)

The full Company portfolio of current Medical Policies is available online and can be [accessed here](#).

POLICY GUIDELINES

This policy may be primarily based on several Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) for wheelchairs and related accessories, including the following:

- Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Manual Wheelchair Bases (L33788)¹
- Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Wheelchair Options/Accessories (L33792)²
- Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Wheelchair Seating (L33312)³
- Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Power Mobility Devices (L33789)⁴
- Noridian Article: Upgrades to Group 2 POVs (K0806-K0808) and Group 4 PWCs (K0868-K0886)⁵
- Local Coverage Article: Manual Wheelchair Bases - Policy Article (A52497)⁶
- Local Coverage Article: Wheelchair Options/Accessories - Policy Article (A52504)⁷
- Local Coverage Article: Power Mobility Devices - Policy Article (A52498)⁸
- Local Coverage Article: Wheelchair Seating - Policy Article (A52505)⁹
- National Coverage Determination (NCD): Seat Elevation Equipment (Power Operated) on Power Wheelchairs ([280.16](#))
 - The CMS coverage for seat elevation systems does not apply to power standing systems (E2301). Continue to apply the above LCD/LCA for this accessory.

The above LCDs and LCAs can also be reviewed to locate Medicare definitions of different types of wheelchairs, POVs, PWCs, and their associated accessories and options.

Wheelchair Type	Code	Weight	Seat Height	Weight capacity
Standard wheelchair	K0001	> 36 lbs.	≥ 19 in	≤ 250 lbs.
Standard hemi (low seat) wheelchair	K0002	> 36 lbs.	< 19 in	≤ 250 lbs.
Lightweight wheelchair	K0003	34-36 lbs.		≤ 250 lbs.
High strength, lightweight wheelchair (Lifetime Warranty on side frames and cross braces)	K0004	< 34 lbs.		
Heavy duty wheelchair	K0006			> 250 lbs.
Extra heavy duty wheelchair	K0007			> 300 lbs.
Custom manual wheelchair/base	K0008			
Adult Tilt-In-Space wheelchair (Lifetime Warranty: On side frames and cross braces)	E1161			

Medicare and Mobility Assistive Equipment (MAE)

The Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Mobility Assistive Equipment (MAE) ([280.3](#)) provides general coverage criteria and applies to all MAE, from canes to power operated vehicles (POVs). Specifically, Medicare requires requested DME items to be both medically necessary and reasonable. This includes determining if there is a “less costly alternative” which can provide the necessary and appropriate therapeutic benefit for the individual (e.g., if a functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved with a cane, a wheelchair would not be considered reasonable and necessary, even if applicable criteria appear to be met). NCD 280.3 notes sequential criteria to determine the equipment that is of the appropriate type and complexity to restore the beneficiary’s ability to participate in MRADLs. A flow chart to guide this decision-making can be found in the [Medicare Transmittal Change Request 3791](#) (page 19). The Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DMEMACs) incorporate this algorithm in the development of their local coverage policies.

Power Seat Elevation Systems – Coverage

Prior to May 16, 2023, **all** power seat elevation systems and any wheelchair codes which included this feature in the code description were non-covered.

CMS published a final Benefit Category Determination and National Coverage Determination (BCD NCD) for Seat Elevation Equipment (Power Operated) on Power Wheelchairs on May 16, 2023. Coverage under this NCD is limited to power seat elevation equipment on **Medicare-covered complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs**. While the NCD states the DME MACs have authority to determine coverage for power seat elevation equipment on **non**-complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs, to date, the DME MACs have updated local coverage policies to align with the NCD, and have **not** provided additional coverage of this feature with **non**-complex power-driven wheelchairs (including HCPCS K0830 and K0831).

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to determine the medical necessity of the request, the following documentation must be provided at the time of the request. Medical records to include documentation of all of the following:

Mechanical Wheelchair Home Assessment

- Information about whether the member's home can accommodate the wheelchair, also called the home assessment, must be fully documented in the medical record or elsewhere by the supplier. For manual wheelchairs, the home assessment may be done directly by visiting the beneficiary's home or indirectly based upon information provided by the member or their designee. When the home assessment is based upon indirectly obtained information, the supplier must, at the time of delivery, verify that the item delivered meets the requirements specified in the criteria.
- Issues such as the physical layout of the home, surfaces to be traversed, and obstacles must be addressed by and documented in the home assessment. Information from the member's medical record and the supplier's records must be available upon request.

Custom Manual Wheelchair Documentation

- If documentation of the medical necessity for a custom manual wheelchair is requested, contractors must be able to determine that the item delivered is a customized item.
- Documentation must include a description of the member's unique physical and functional characteristics that require a customized manual wheelchair base. This must include a detailed description of the manufacturing of the wheelchair base, including types of materials used in custom fabricating or substantially modifying it, and the construction process and labor skills required to modify it.
- The record must document that the needs of the member cannot be met using another manual wheelchair base that incorporates seating modifications or other options or accessories (prefabricated and/or custom).
- The documentation must demonstrate that the custom wheelchair is so different from another wheelchair base that the two items cannot be grouped together for pricing purposes.

Transport Chair Documentation

- Documentation of the medical necessity for a transport chair (E1037, E1038 and E1039) must include a description of why the member is unable to make use of a standard manual wheelchair (K0001, K0002, K0003, K0004, and K0005) on their own, and provide specific information that the member has a caregiver who is available, willing, and able to provide assistance with the wheelchair.

BACKGROUND

Individuals who have physical conditions that prevent them from participating in MRADLs such as toileting, feeding dressing, grooming and bathing in customary locations in their home may require mobility assistive equipment. These physical conditions may result in impairment of mobility that can be addressed by the use of a manual wheelchair, power wheelchair or a power operated vehicle such as a scooter.

REGULATORY STATUS

U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)

Approval or clearance by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not in itself establish medical necessity or serve as a basis for coverage. Therefore, this section is provided for informational purposes only.

HEALTH EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines health equity as the state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Achieving health equity requires addressing health disparities and social determinants of health. A health disparity is the occurrence of diseases at greater levels among certain population groups more than among others. Health disparities are linked to social determinants of health which are non-medical factors that influence health outcomes such as the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. Social determinants of health include unequal access to health care, lack of education, poverty, stigma, and racism.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health calls out unique areas where health disparities are noted based on race and ethnicity. Providence Health Plan (PHP) regularly reviews these areas of opportunity to see if any changes can be made to our medical or pharmacy policies to support our members obtaining their highest level of health. Upon review, PHP creates a Coverage Recommendation (CORE) form detailing which groups are impacted by the disparity, the research surrounding the disparity, and recommendations from professional organizations. PHP Health Equity COREs are updated regularly and can be found online [here](#).

BILLING GUIDELINES AND CODING

GENERAL

See associated local coverage articles (LCAs) for related billing and coding guidance, as well as Medicare definitions, additional coverage and non-coverage scenarios and frequency utilization allowances and limitations:

- Local Coverage Article: Manual Wheelchair Bases - Policy Article (A52497)⁶
- Local Coverage Article: Wheelchair Options/Accessories - Policy Article (A52504)⁷
- Local Coverage Article: Power Mobility Devices - Policy Article (A52498)⁸
- Local Coverage Article: Wheelchair Seating - Policy Article (A52505)⁹

- **Coding and Payment information for HCPCS code E2300 as of 5/16/2023:** [CMS Durable Medical Equipment \(DME\) Center](#) (As of 4/1/2024, HCPCS code E2300 has been discontinued and the new HCPCS code is E2298, but the general coverage information still applies)

Please see LCA A52504 for additional coding guidelines, including what HCPCS codes are considered bundled and not separately reimbursable when provided in association with various types of wheelchairs, POVs, PWCs, etc. Some HCPCS codes are only allowed separate reimbursement when reported in addition to HCPCS codes that support separate payment, as determined by relevant LCAs and LCDs (e.g., HCPCS code E1028). These codes deny as not separately payable when reported in connection to components or accessories for which Medicare does **not** allow separate payment. The above local coverage articles provide additional details regarding these situations.

HCPCS CODE K0108

Correct Uses for K0108

On initial issue of a wheelchair (any type), many components are included in the base provision of the chair and are not allowed separate payment if billed with individual codes, regardless of what code is used. This applies to K0108 as well.

Miscellaneous options, accessories, or replacement parts for wheelchairs may be coded using K0108 when the option, accessory, or replacement part meets **both** of the following:

- does **not** have a specific HCPCS code **and**
- is **not** included in another HCPCS code. ([A52504](#))
 - If a supplier selects to bill separately for a component that **is** included in another code, HCPCS A9900 must be used instead of K0108. ([A52504](#))

If multiple miscellaneous accessories are provided, each should be billed on a separate claim line using code K0108. Also ensure that the additional information can be matched to the appropriate line item on the claim. It is also helpful to reference the line item to the submitted charge. ([A52504](#))

Incorrect Uses for K0108

The following are examples of incorrect use of HCPCS code K0108:¹⁰⁻²⁵

- Wheelchair Headrest
- Wheelchair Ventilator Tray
- Wheelchair Tray
- Actuator
- Battery Replacement
- Privacy Flap
- Drive Wheel Gear Box
- Anti-Tip Devices for Manual Wheelchairs

- Replacement of Wheelchair Seat and Back Upholstery
- Bill for a Battery Charger
- Front Riggings: Calf Pad or Calf Support
- Transit System and Associated Bracket (as of 4/1/2025, specific HCPCS codes are available [E1022, E1023])
- Labor Charges
- Front Riggings: Shoe Holder or Shoe Holder Replacement Straps
- Wheel Lock Brake Extension for Manual Wheelchairs
- Center Mount Elevating Leg Rest ([A52504](#))
- Cantilever Type Armrest (aka, flip-up armrest) – initial issue vs. repair

Additional inappropriate uses of K0108 include:

- **Braces (Orthoses) Attached to Wheelchairs:** “Miscellaneous options, accessories, or replacement parts for wheelchairs that do not have a specific HCPCS code and are not included in another code should be coded K0108.” ([A52504](#)) Since separate E-codes do exist for these accessories, the specific codes should be used instead of K0108.
- **Manual Wheelchairs Constructed of Titanium:** “Manual wheelchair bases (K0001, K0002, K0003, K0004, K0005, K0006, K0007, K0008, and K0009) include construction of any type material, including but not limited to, titanium, carbon, or any other lightweight high strength material. Suppliers must not bill HCPCS code K0108 in addition to the base wheelchair for construction materials or for a “heavy duty package” reflecting the type of material used to construct the manual wheelchair base. Billing for construction material is considered incorrect coding – unbundling.” ([A52497](#))

Power Seat Elevation Systems

CMS published a final Benefit Category Determination and National Coverage Determination (BCD NCD) for Seat Elevation Equipment (Power Operated) on Power Wheelchairs on May 16, 2023. According to the CMS DME Center web page (**bold added for emphasis**):

“... provides for national coverage of power seat elevation equipment on **Medicare-covered complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs**, as defined in 42 CFR 414.202, under the criteria specified in the NCD.”

[42 CFR 414.202](#) defines “complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs” as follows:

Complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchair means a power-driven wheelchair that is classified as—

- (1) Group 2 power wheelchair with power options that can accommodate rehabilitative features (for example, tilt in space); or
- (2) Group 3 power wheelchair.

In addition, while not included within 42 CFR 414.202, CMS also determined Group 5 (pediatric) power wheelchairs are eligible wheelchairs for coverage with a power seat elevation system. ([Medicare MLN Matters MM13277](#))

Therefore, at this time, complex rehabilitation power wheelchairs will be considered HCPCS codes K0835–K0843 and K0848–K0864. ([Office of Inspector General Report, OEI-04-09-00260, July 2011, p. 8, footnote #12](#)) Group 5 (pediatric) power wheelchairs reported using K0890/K0891 will also be included for coverage consideration.

According to the LCA for Wheelchair options/Accessories – Policy Article (A52504):

- **Prior to April 1, 2024:** HCPCS code E2300 described power seat elevation systems used with complex rehabilitation technology wheelchairs **and** Group 5 power driven wheelchairs.
- **On or after April 1, 2024:** Only power seat elevation systems used **with complex** rehabilitation technology wheelchairs must be coded E2298. HCPCS codes K0830 and K0831 must be used to submit claims for individuals using seat elevation on Group 2 power wheelchairs that are **not** complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs.

While Noridian doesn't allow power seat elevation system (E2298) with Group 5 power-driven wheelchairs, the Company may choose to allow this wheelchair/accessory combination. Therefore, HCPCS code E2298 can be used for power seat elevation systems when they are used with Group 5 power-driven wheelchairs as well.

HCPCS Code E1028

It is possible for a single claim to have multiple units of HCPCS code E1028 reported on it, with some units being considered payable, while other units may not be eligible for payment per Medicare guidelines. It is recommended wheelchairs/POV suppliers add a description for each unit of E1028 that is reported on a claim. (Noridian web page for [Billing Reminder for Mounting Hardware – HCPCS E1028](#))

HCPCS E1028 may not be reimbursed separately in the following situations (not an all-inclusive list):

- E1028 must **not** be billed in addition to code E0960.
- E1028 must **not** be used for mounting hardware related to a wheelchair seat cushion or back cushion code. (A52505)
- E1028 is **non-covered** if the primary indication for its use is to allow the beneficiary to move close to desks or other surfaces. (A52504)
- E1028 is **not** to be used for swingaway hardware used with a sip and puff interface (E2325). (A52504)
- E1028 is **not** to be used for hardware on a wheelchair tray (E0950). (A52504)
- E1028 is **not** to be used in addition to E1020 (Residual limb support system). (A52504)

HCPCS E1028 may be reimbursed separately in the following situations:

- Code E1028 **may** be billed in addition to codes E0953, E0955, E0956, E0957.

- E1028 **may be** allowed when needed to move the component out of the way so that a member can perform a slide transfer to a chair or bed. (L33792)
 - Examples include:
 - Swingaway hardware used with remote joysticks or touchpads (A52504)
 - Swingaway or flip-down hardware for head control interfaces E2327, E2328, E2329, E2330 (A52504)
 - Swingaway hardware for an indicator display box that is related to the multi-motor electronic connection codes E2310 or E2311 (A52504)
- Note: Even in situations where E1028 is reported with a potentially covered component or accessory HCPCS code, that component or accessory must meet coverage criteria and be medically necessary.

Replacement Parts, Components and Accessories

Some codes specific represent *replacement* options or parts. Many options and accessories provided at the time of initial issue of a wheelchair, PWC, or POV are not separately billable. Codes specific to replacement parts should not be used at the initial issue of the chair.

A replacement option or accessory should be reported using an appropriate wheelchair option/accessory code when available.

Miscellaneous options, accessories, or replacement parts for wheelchairs that do **not** have a specific HCPCS code available and those which are not included in another code should be reported using HCPCS code K0108. If multiple miscellaneous accessories are provided, each should be billed on a separate claim line using code K0108. When billing more than one line item with code K0108, supplies must ensure each line item on the claim can be matched to the relevant item on an invoice. If a supplier chooses to bill separately for a component that is included in another code, HCPCS code A9900 must be used, but no separate reimbursement will be allowed for this code.

The Company medical policy *Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)* (MP142) can be reviewed for additional information regarding Medicare guidelines for durable medical equipment.

CODES*		
CPT	None	
HCPCS	A9270	Non-covered item or service
	E0705	Transfer device, any type, each
	E0950	Wheelchair accessory, tray, each
	E0951	Heel loop/holder, any type, with or without ankle strap, each
	E0952	Toe loop/holder, any type, each
	E0953	Wheelchair accessory, lateral thigh or knee support, any type including fixed mounting hardware, each
	E0954	Wheelchair accessory, foot box, any type, includes attachment and mounting hardware, each foot
	E0955	Wheelchair accessory, headrest, cushioned, any type, including fixed mounting hardware, each

	E0956	Wheelchair accessory, lateral trunk or hip support, any type, including fixed mounting hardware, each
	E0957	Wheelchair accessory, medial thigh support, any type, including fixed mounting hardware, each
	E0958	Manual wheelchair accessory, one-arm drive attachment, each
	E0959	Manual wheelchair accessory, adapter for amputee, each
	E0960	Wheelchair accessory, shoulder harness/straps or chest strap, including any type mounting hardware
	E0961	Manual wheelchair accessory, wheel lock brake extension (handle), each
	E0966	Manual wheelchair accessory, headrest extension, each
	E0967	Manual wheelchair accessory, hand rim with projections, any type, replacement only, each
	E0968	Commode seat, wheelchair
	E0969	Narrowing device, wheelchair
	E0970	No. 2 footplates, except for elevating leg rest
	E0971	Manual wheelchair accessory, anti-tipping device, each
	E0973	Wheelchair accessory, adjustable height, detachable armrest, complete assembly, each
	E0974	Manual wheelchair accessory, anti-rollback device, each
	E0978	Wheelchair accessory, positioning belt/safety belt/pelvic strap, each
	E0980	Safety vest, wheelchair
	E0981	Wheelchair accessory, seat upholstery, replacement only, each
	E0982	Wheelchair accessory, back upholstery, replacement only, each
	E0983	Manual wheelchair accessory, power add-on to convert manual wheelchair to motorized wheelchair, joystick control
	E0984	Manual wheelchair accessory, power add-on to convert manual wheelchair to motorized wheelchair, tiller control
	E0986	Manual wheelchair accessory, power assist system
	E0988	Manual wheelchair accessory, lever-activated, wheel drive, pair
	E0990	Wheelchair accessory, elevating leg rest, complete assembly, each
	E0992	Manual wheelchair accessory, solid seat insert
	E0994	Arm rest, each
	E0995	Wheelchair accessory, calf rest/pad, replacement only, each
	E1002	Wheelchair accessory, power seating system, tilt only
	E1003	Wheelchair accessory, power seating system, recline only, without shear reduction
	E1004	Wheelchair accessory, power seating system, recline only, with mechanical shear reduction
	E1005	Wheelchair accessory, power seating system, recline only, with power shear reduction
	E1006	Wheelchair accessory, power seating system, combination tilt and recline, without shear reduction
	E1007	Wheelchair accessory, power seating system, combination tilt and recline, with mechanical shear reduction
	E1008	Wheelchair accessory, power seating system, combination tilt and recline, with power shear reduction

E1009	Wheelchair accessory, addition to power seating system, mechanically linked leg elevation system, including pushrod and leg rest, each
E1010	Wheelchair accessory, addition to power seating system, power leg elevation system, including leg rest, pair
E1011	Modification to pediatric size wheelchair, width adjustment package (not to be dispensed with initial chair)
E1012	Wheelchair accessory, addition to power seating system, center mount power elevating leg rest/platform, complete system, any type, each
E1014	Reclining back, addition to pediatric size wheelchair
E1015	Shock absorber for manual wheelchair, each
E1016	Shock absorber for power wheelchair, each
E1017	Heavy duty shock absorber for heavy duty or extra heavy duty manual wheelchair, each
E1018	Heavy duty shock absorber for heavy duty or extra heavy duty power wheelchair, each
E1020	Residual limb support system for wheelchair, any type
E1022	Wheelchair transportation securement system, any type includes all components and accessories
E1023	Wheelchair transit securement system, includes all components and accessories
E1028	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware, other
E1029	Wheelchair accessory, ventilator tray, fixed
E1030	Wheelchair accessory, ventilator tray, gimbaled
E1031	Roll about chair, any and all types with casters 5" or greater
E1032	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware used with joystick or other drive control interface
E1033	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware for headrest, cushioned, any type
E1034	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware for lateral trunk or hip support, any type
E1037	Transport chair, pediatric size
E1038	Transport chair, adult size, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
E1039	Transport chair, adult size, heavy duty, patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds
E1050	Fully-reclining wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
E1060	Fully-reclining wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full length, swing away detachable elevating legrests
E1070	Fully-reclining wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) swing away detachable footrest
E1083	Hemi-wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rest
E1084	Hemi-wheelchair, detachable arms desk or full length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
E1085	Hemi-wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable foot rests

	E1086	Hemi-wheelchair detachable arms desk or full length, swing away detachable footrests
	E1087	High strength lightweight wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
	E1088	High strength lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms desk or full length, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
	E1089	High strength lightweight wheelchair, fixed length arms, swing away detachable footrest
	E1090	High strength lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms desk or full length, swing away detachable foot rests
	E1092	Wide heavy duty wheel chair, detachable arms (desk or full length), swing away detachable elevating leg rests
	E1093	Wide heavy duty wheelchair, detachable arms desk or full length arms, swing away detachable footrests
	E1100	Semi-reclining wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
	E1110	Semi-reclining wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) elevating leg rest
	E1130	Standard wheelchair, fixed full length arms, fixed or swing away detachable footrests
	E1140	Wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full length, swing away detachable footrests
	E1150	Wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full length swing away detachable elevating legrests
	E1160	Wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating legrests
	E1161	Manual adult size wheelchair, includes tilt in space
	E1170	Amputee wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating legrests
	E1171	Amputee wheelchair, fixed full length arms, without footrests or legrest
	E1172	Amputee wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) without footrests or legrest
	E1172	Amputee wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) without footrests or legrest
	E1180	Amputee wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) swing away detachable footrests
	E1190	Amputee wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) swing away detachable elevating legrests
	E1195	Heavy duty wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating legrests
	E1200	Amputee wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable footrest
	E1220	Wheelchair; specially sized or constructed, (indicate brand name, model number, if any) and justification
	E1221	Wheelchair with fixed arm, footrests
	E1222	Wheelchair with fixed arm, elevating legrests
	E1223	Wheelchair with detachable arms, footrests
	E1224	Wheelchair with detachable arms, elevating legrests

E1225	Wheelchair accessory, manual semi-reclining back, (recline greater than 15 degrees, but less than 80 degrees), each
E1226	Wheelchair accessory, manual fully reclining back, (recline greater than 80 degrees), each
E1227	Special height arms for wheelchair
E1228	Special back height for wheelchair
E1229	Wheelchair, pediatric size, not otherwise specified
E1230	Power operated vehicle (three or four wheel nonhighway) specify brand name and model number
E1231	Wheelchair, pediatric size, tilt-in-space, rigid, adjustable, with seating system
E1232	Wheelchair, pediatric size, tilt-in-space, folding, adjustable, with seating system
E1233	Wheelchair, pediatric size, tilt-in-space, rigid, adjustable, without seating system
E1234	Wheelchair, pediatric size, tilt-in-space, folding, adjustable, without seating system
E1235	Wheelchair, pediatric size, rigid, adjustable, with seating system
E1236	Wheelchair, pediatric size, folding, adjustable, with seating system
E1237	Wheelchair, pediatric size, rigid, adjustable, without seating system
E1238	Wheelchair, pediatric size, folding, adjustable, without seating system
E1239	Power wheelchair, pediatric size, not otherwise specified
E1240	Lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms, (desk or full length) swing away detachable, elevating legrest
E1250	Lightweight wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable footrest
E1260	Lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) swing away detachable footrest
E1270	Lightweight wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating legrests
E1280	Heavy duty wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) elevating legrests
E1285	Heavy duty wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable footrest
E1290	Heavy duty wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full length) swing away detachable footrest
E1295	Heavy duty wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable footrest
E1296	Special wheelchair seat height from floor
E1297	Special wheelchair seat depth, by upholstery
E1298	Special wheelchair seat depth and/or width, by construction
E2201	Manual wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame, width greater than or equal to 20 inches and less than 24 inches
E2202	Manual wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, 24-27 inches
E2203	Manual wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 20 to less than 22 inches
E2204	Manual wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 22 to 25 inches
E2205	Manual wheelchair accessory, handrim without projections (includes ergonomic or contoured), any type, replacement only, each
E2206	Manual wheelchair accessory, wheel lock assembly, complete, replacement only, each
E2207	Wheelchair accessory, crutch and cane holder, each
E2208	Wheelchair accessory, cylinder tank carrier, each

E2209	Accessory, arm trough, with or without hand support, each
E2210	Wheelchair accessory, bearings, any type, replacement only, each
E2211	Manual wheelchair accessory, pneumatic propulsion tire, any size, each
E2212	Manual wheelchair accessory, tube for pneumatic propulsion tire, any size, each
E2213	Manual wheelchair accessory, insert for pneumatic propulsion tire (removable), any type, any size, each
E2214	Manual wheelchair accessory, pneumatic caster tire, any size, each
E2215	Manual wheelchair accessory, tube for pneumatic caster tire, any size, each
E2216	Manual wheelchair accessory, foam filled propulsion tire, any size, each
E2217	Manual wheelchair accessory, foam filled caster tire, any size, each
E2218	Manual wheelchair accessory, foam propulsion tire, any size, each
E2219	Manual wheelchair accessory, foam caster tire, any size, each
E2220	Manual wheelchair accessory, solid (rubber/plastic) propulsion tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2221	Manual wheelchair accessory, solid (rubber/plastic) caster tire (removable), any size, replacement only, each
E2222	Manual wheelchair accessory, solid (rubber/plastic) caster tire with integrated wheel, any size, replacement only, each
E2224	Manual wheelchair accessory, propulsion wheel excludes tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2225	Manual wheelchair accessory, caster wheel excludes tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2226	Manual wheelchair accessory, caster fork, any size, replacement only, each
E2227	Manual wheelchair accessory, gear reduction drive wheel, each
E2228	Manual wheelchair accessory, wheel braking system and lock, complete, each
E2230	Manual wheelchair accessory, manual standing system
E2231	Manual wheelchair accessory, solid seat support base (replaces sling seat), includes any type mounting hardware
E2291	Back, planar, for pediatric size wheelchair including fixed attaching hardware
E2292	Seat, planar, for pediatric size wheelchair including fixed attaching hardware
E2293	Back, contoured, for pediatric size wheelchair including fixed attaching hardware
E2294	Seat, contoured, for pediatric size wheelchair including fixed attaching hardware
E2295	Manual wheelchair accessory, for pediatric size wheelchair, dynamic seating frame, allows coordinated movement of multiple positioning features
E2298	Complex rehabilitative power wheelchair accessory, power seat elevation system, any type
~~E2300~~	~~Termed 3/31/2024 Wheelchair accessory, power seat elevation system, any type~~
E2301	Wheelchair accessory, power standing system, any type
E2310	Power wheelchair accessory, electronic connection between wheelchair controller and one power seating system motor, including all related electronics, indicator feature, mechanical function selection switch, and fixed mounting hardware
E2311**	Power wheelchair accessory, electronic connection between wheelchair controller and two or more power seating system motors, including all related

		electronics, indicator feature, mechanical function selection switch, and fixed mounting hardware
	E2312	Power wheelchair accessory, hand or chin control interface, mini-proportional remote joystick, proportional, including fixed mounting hardware
	E2313	Power wheelchair accessory, harness for upgrade to expandable controller, including all fasteners, connectors and mounting hardware, each
	E2321	Power wheelchair accessory, hand control interface, remote joystick, nonproportional, including all related electronics, mechanical stop switch, and fixed mounting hardware
	E2322	Power wheelchair accessory, hand control interface, multiple mechanical switches, nonproportional, including all related electronics, mechanical stop switch, and fixed mounting hardware
	E2323	Power wheelchair accessory, specialty joystick handle for hand control interface, prefabricated
	E2324	Power wheelchair accessory, chin cup for chin control interface
	E2325	Power wheelchair accessory, sip and puff interface, nonproportional, including all related electronics, mechanical stop switch, and manual swingaway mounting hardware
	E2326	Power wheelchair accessory, breath tube kit for sip and puff interface
	E2327	Power wheelchair accessory, head control interface, mechanical, proportional, including all related electronics, mechanical direction change switch, and fixed mounting hardware
	E2328	Power wheelchair accessory, head control or extremity control interface, electronic, proportional, including all related electronics and fixed mounting hardware
	E2329	Power wheelchair accessory, head control interface, contact switch mechanism, nonproportional, including all related electronics, mechanical stop switch, mechanical direction change switch, head array, and fixed mounting hardware
	E2330	Power wheelchair accessory, head control interface, proximity switch mechanism, nonproportional, including all related electronics, mechanical stop switch, mechanical direction change switch, head array, and fixed mounting hardware
	E2331	Power wheelchair accessory, attendant control, proportional, including all related electronics and fixed mounting hardware
	E2340	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, 20-23 inches
	E2341	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, 24-27 inches
	E2342	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 20 or 21 inches
	E2343	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 22-25 inches
	E2351	Power wheelchair accessory, electronic interface to operate speech generating device using power wheelchair control interface
	E2358	Power wheelchair accessory, group 34 non-sealed lead acid battery, each
	E2359	Power wheelchair accessory, group 34 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)
	E2360	Power wheelchair accessory, 22nf non-sealed lead acid battery, each
	E2361	Power wheelchair accessory, 22nf sealed lead acid battery, each, (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)
	E2362	Power wheelchair accessory, group 24 non-sealed lead acid battery, each

E2363	Power wheelchair accessory, group 24 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)
E2364	Power wheelchair accessory, u-1 non-sealed lead acid battery, each
E2365	Power wheelchair accessory, u-1 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)
E2366	Power wheelchair accessory, battery charger, single mode, for use with only one battery type, sealed or non-sealed, each
E2367	Power wheelchair accessory, battery charger, dual mode, for use with either battery type, sealed or non-sealed, each
E2368	Power wheelchair component, drive wheel motor, replacement only
E2369	Power wheelchair component, drive wheel gear box, replacement only
E2370	Power wheelchair component, integrated drive wheel motor and gear box combination, replacement only
E2371	Power wheelchair accessory, group 27 sealed lead acid battery, (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat), each
E2372	Power wheelchair accessory, group 27 non-sealed lead acid battery, each
E2373	Power wheelchair accessory, hand or chin control interface, compact remote joystick, proportional, including fixed mounting hardware
E2374	Power wheelchair accessory, hand or chin control interface, standard remote joystick (not including controller), proportional, including all related electronics and fixed mounting hardware, replacement only
E2375	Power wheelchair accessory, non-expandable controller, including all related electronics and mounting hardware, replacement only
E2376	Power wheelchair accessory, expandable controller, including all related electronics and mounting hardware, replacement only
E2377	Power wheelchair accessory, expandable controller, including all related electronics and mounting hardware, upgrade provided at initial issue
E2378	Power wheelchair component, actuator, replacement only
E2381	Power wheelchair accessory, pneumatic drive wheel tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2382	Power wheelchair accessory, tube for pneumatic drive wheel tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2383	Power wheelchair accessory, insert for pneumatic drive wheel tire (removable), any type, any size, replacement only, each
E2384	Power wheelchair accessory, pneumatic caster tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2385	Power wheelchair accessory, tube for pneumatic caster tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2386	Power wheelchair accessory, foam filled drive wheel tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2387	Power wheelchair accessory, foam filled caster tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2388	Power wheelchair accessory, foam drive wheel tire, any size, replacement only, each
E2389	Power wheelchair accessory, foam caster tire, any size, replacement only, each

	E2390	Power wheelchair accessory, solid (rubber/plastic) drive wheel tire, any size, replacement only, each
	E2391	Power wheelchair accessory, solid (rubber/plastic) caster tire (removable), any size, replacement only, each
	E2392	Power wheelchair accessory, solid (rubber/plastic) caster tire with integrated wheel, any size, replacement only, each
	E2394	Power wheelchair accessory, drive wheel excludes tire, any size, replacement only, each
	E2395	Power wheelchair accessory, caster wheel excludes tire, any size, replacement only, each
	E2396	Power wheelchair accessory, caster fork, any size, replacement only, each
	E2397	Power wheelchair accessory, lithium-based battery, each
	E2398	Wheelchair accessory, dynamic positioning hardware for back
	E2601	General use wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
	E2602	General use wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
	E2603	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
	E2604	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
	E2605	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
	E2606	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
	E2607	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
	E2608	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
	E2609	Custom fabricated wheelchair seat cushion, any size
	E2610	Wheelchair seat cushion, powered
	E2611	General use wheelchair back cushion, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2612	General use wheelchair back cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2613	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2614	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2615	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior-lateral, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2616	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior-lateral, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2617	Custom fabricated wheelchair back cushion, any size, including any type mounting hardware
	E2619	Replacement cover for wheelchair seat cushion or back cushion, each
	E2620	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, planar back with lateral supports, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2621	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, planar back with lateral supports, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware
	E2622	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width less than 22 inches, any depth

	E2623	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
	E2624	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width less than 22 inches, any depth
	E2625	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
	E2626	Wheelchair accessory, shoulder elbow, mobile arm support attached to wheelchair, balanced, adjustable
	E2627	Wheelchair accessory, shoulder elbow, mobile arm support attached to wheelchair, balanced, adjustable rancho type
	E2628	Wheelchair accessory, shoulder elbow, mobile arm support attached to wheelchair, balanced, reclining
	E2629	Wheelchair accessory, shoulder elbow, mobile arm support attached to wheelchair, balanced, friction arm support (friction dampening to proximal and distal joints)
	E2630	Wheelchair accessory, shoulder elbow, mobile arm support, monosuspension arm and hand support, overhead elbow forearm hand sling support, yoke type suspension support
	E2631	Wheelchair accessory, addition to mobile arm support, elevating proximal arm
	E2632	Wheelchair accessory, addition to mobile arm support, offset or lateral rocker arm with elastic balance control
	E2633	Wheelchair accessory, addition to mobile arm support, supinator
	K0001	Standard wheelchair
	K0002	Standard hemi (low seat) wheelchair
	K0003	Lightweight wheelchair
	K0004	High strength, lightweight wheelchair
	K0005	Ultra light weight wheelchair
	K0006	Heavy duty wheelchair
	K0007	Extra heavy duty wheelchair
	K0008	Custom manual wheelchair/base
	K0009	Other manual wheelchair/base
	K0010	Standard - weight frame motorized/power wheelchair
	K0011*	Standard - weight frame motorized/power wheelchair with programmable control parameters for speed adjustment, tremor dampening, acceleration control and braking
	K0012	Lightweight portable motorized/power wheelchair
	K0013	Custom motorized/power wheelchair base
	K0015	Detachable, non-adjustable height armrest, replacement only, each
	K0017	Detachable, adjustable height armrest, base, replacement only, each
	K0018	Detachable, adjustable height armrest, upper portion, replacement only, each
	K0019	Arm pad, replacement only, each
	K0020	Fixed, adjustable height armrest, pair
	K0037	High mount flip-up footrest, replacement only, each
	K0038	Leg strap, each
	K0039	Leg strap, h style, each
	K0040	Adjustable angle footplate, each

	K0041	Large size footplate, each
	K0042	Standard size footplate, replacement only, each
	K0043	Footrest, lower extension tube, replacement only, each
	K0044	Footrest, upper hanger bracket, replacement only, each
	K0045	Footrest, complete assembly, replacement only, each
	K0046	Elevating leg rest, lower extension tube, replacement only, each
	K0047	Elevating leg rest, upper hanger bracket, replacement only, each
	K0050	Ratchet assembly, replacement only
	K0052	Swing away, detachable footrests, replacement only, each
	K0053	Elevating footrests, articulating (telescoping), each
	K0056	Seat height less than 17" or equal to or greater than 21" for a high strength, lightweight, or ultra-lightweight wheelchair
	K0065	Spoke protectors, each
	K0069	Rear wheel assembly, complete, with solid tire, spokes or molded, replacement only, each
	K0070	Rear wheel assembly, complete, with pneumatic tire, spokes or molded, replacement only, each
	K0071	Front caster assembly, complete, with pneumatic tire, replacement only, each
	K0072	Front caster assembly, complete, with semi-pneumatic tire, replacement only, each
	K0073	Caster pin lock, each
	K0077	Front caster assembly, complete, with solid tire, replacement only, each
	K0812	Power operated vehicle, not otherwise classified
	K0098	Drive belt for power wheelchair, replacement only
	K0105	Iv hanger, each
	K0108***	Wheelchair component or accessory, not otherwise specified
	K0195	Elevating leg rests, pair (for use with capped rental wheelchair base)
	K0462	Temporary replacement for patient owned equipment being repaired, any type
	K0669	Wheelchair accessory, wheelchair seat or back cushion, does not meet specific code criteria or no written coding verification from DME PDAC
	K0733	Power wheelchair accessory, 12 to 24 amp hour sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glass mat)
	K0800	Power operated vehicle, group 1 standard, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0801	Power operated vehicle, group 1 heavy duty, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0802	Power operated vehicle, group 1 very heavy duty, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
	K0806	Power operated vehicle, group 2 standard, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0807	Power operated vehicle, group 2 heavy duty, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0808	Power operated vehicle, group 2 very heavy duty, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
	K0813	Power wheelchair, group 1 standard, portable, sling/solid seat and back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds

	K0814	Power wheelchair, group 1 standard, portable, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0815	Power wheelchair, group 1 standard, sling/solid seat and back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0816	Power wheelchair, group 1 standard, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0820	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, portable, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0821	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, portable, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0822	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0823	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0824	Power wheelchair, group 2 heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0825	Power wheelchair, group 2 heavy duty, captains chair, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0826	Power wheelchair, group 2 very heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
	K0827	Power wheelchair, group 2 very heavy duty, captains chair, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
	K0828	Power wheelchair, group 2 extra heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 601 pounds or more
	K0829	Power wheelchair, group 2 extra heavy duty, captains chair, patient weight 601 pounds or more
	K0830	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, seat elevator, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0831	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, seat elevator, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0835	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0836	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, single power option, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0837	Power wheelchair, group 2 heavy duty, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0838	Power wheelchair, group 2 heavy duty, single power option, captains chair, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0839	Power wheelchair, group 2 very heavy duty, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
	K0840	Power wheelchair, group 2 extra heavy duty, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 601 pounds or more
	K0841	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0842	Power wheelchair, group 2 standard, multiple power option, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds

K0843	Power wheelchair, group 2 heavy duty, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
K0848	Power wheelchair, group 3 standard, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
K0849	Power wheelchair, group 3 standard, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
K0850	Power wheelchair, group 3 heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
K0851	Power wheelchair, group 3 heavy duty, captains chair, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
K0852	Power wheelchair, group 3 very heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
K0853	Power wheelchair, group 3 very heavy duty, captains chair, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
K0854	Power wheelchair, group 3 extra heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 601 pounds or more
K0855	Power wheelchair, group 3 extra heavy duty, captains chair, patient weight capacity 601 pounds or more
K0856	Power wheelchair, group 3 standard, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
K0857	Power wheelchair, group 3 standard, single power option, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
K0858	Power wheelchair, group 3 heavy duty, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight 301 to 450 pounds
K0859	Power wheelchair, group 3 heavy duty, single power option, captains chair, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
K0860	Power wheelchair, group 3 very heavy duty, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
K0861	Power wheelchair, group 3 standard, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
K0862	Power wheelchair, group 3 heavy duty, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
K0863	Power wheelchair, group 3 very heavy duty, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
K0864	Power wheelchair, group 3 extra heavy duty, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 601 pounds or more
K0868	Power wheelchair, group 4 standard, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
K0869	Power wheelchair, group 4 standard, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
K0870	Power wheelchair, group 4 heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
K0871	Power wheelchair, group 4 very heavy duty, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 451 to 600 pounds
K0877	Power wheelchair, group 4 standard, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds

	K0878	Power wheelchair, group 4 standard, single power option, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0879	Power wheelchair, group 4 heavy duty, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0880	Power wheelchair, group 4 very heavy duty, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight 451 to 600 pounds
	K0884	Power wheelchair, group 4 standard, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0885	Power wheelchair, group 4 standard, multiple power option, captains chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds
	K0886	Power wheelchair, group 4 heavy duty, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity 301 to 450 pounds
	K0898	Power wheelchair, not otherwise classified
	K0899	Power mobility device, not coded by DME PDAC or does not meet criteria
	K0890	Power wheelchair, group 5 pediatric, single power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 125 pounds
	K0891	Power wheelchair, group 5 pediatric, multiple power option, sling/solid seat/back, patient weight capacity up to and including 125 pounds
*Note: Stair-climbing wheelchairs, computerized or gyroscopic mobility systems (e.g., INDEPENDENCE™ IBOT™ Mobility System, Independence Technology, LLC, Warren, NJ) are considered not primarily medical in nature, a self-help or convenience item and/or not medically necessary. **Note: Not medically necessary when the need for the upgrade is due to non-covered power accessories. ***Note: Covered when the individual meets coverage criteria for a wheelchair AND the options/accessories are required for the individual to function successfully in the home OR to perform the usual activities of daily living. Any option or accessory that is primarily for the purpose of allowing the individual to perform leisure or recreational activities is considered not medically necessary and not covered.		

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POLICY REVISION HISTORY

DATE	REVISION SUMMARY
2/2023	Interim update and converted to new policy template.
6/2023	Interim update
7/2023	Annual review; updated coverage for power seat elevation systems as per CMS changes dated 5/16/2023
9/2023	Interim update; replace decision memo with formal NCD, add MM13277 reference
4/2024	Q2 2024 code set update.
7/2024	Annual review
12/2024	Interim update; clarify non-coverage of power seating elevation system with non-complex power drive wheelchairs, consistent with CMS NCD and Noridian LCD.
4/2025	Q2 2025 code set update.
11/2025	Annual review; clarified rationale for criteria LIV, LXX, and LXXXIII non-covered items. Q4 2025 code set update.
9/2026	Annual review