


MEDICAL POLICY	Wheelchairs and Power Vehicles (Medicare Only)
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See Policy CPT/HCPCS CODE section below for any prior authorization requirements

SCOPE:

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

APPLIES TO:

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MEDICARE POLICY CRITERIA

NOTES:

- While the noted local coverage determinations (LCDs) provide most of the medical necessity criteria, the related local coverage articles (LCAs) also provide coverage and non-coverage guidance for some products. For a given device and all accessories, **all** of the Medicare policies relevant to that device should be reviewed and considered.
- Not all accessories are considered medically reasonable and necessary under Medicare, even if the base item is medically necessary. Review of all references is required to ensure accurate coverage for all components and accessories.

See *Policy Guidelines* below for more important information.

The following Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) guidelines should be utilized for medical necessity coverage determinations. Click the link provided in the table below to access applicable medical necessity criteria. All listed guidelines apply.

Service	Medicare Guidelines	HCPCS Code(s) <i>(Inclusion of a code does not imply coverage and some codes may be addressed in more than one reference)</i>
<i>All mobility assistive equipment (MAEs)</i>	National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Mobility Assistive Equipment (MAE) (280.3) NOTE: This NCD provides general coverage criteria and applies to all MAE, from canes to power operated vehicles (POVs), including the Medicare requirement that durable medical equipment (DME) be both medically necessary and medically reasonable. This includes determining if there is a “less costly alternative” that 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 provides sequential criteria to determine the equipment that is of the appropriate type and complexity to restore the beneficiary’s ability to participate in mobility related activities of daily living (MRADLs). A flow chart to guide this decision-making can be found in CMS Transmittal Change Request 3791 (page 19). Specific coverage criteria for various types of wheelchairs and accessories/components are provided below.	
<i>INDEPENDENCE™ IBOT™ Mobility System</i>	NCD for INDEPENDENCE iBOT 4000 Mobility System (280.15) The standard function of this item may be medically necessary when	K0898 Use of HCPCS code K0898 is not limited to just this purpose. In addition, other codes may be used to

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	<p>NCD criteria are met, but the 4-Wheel, balance, stair and remote functions of this device are never medically necessary.</p>	<p>report individual components for different functions. If an item is non-covered per the NCD, it is non-covered regardless of code used.</p>
<i>Customized chairs</i>	<p>For customized chair criteria, see relevant LCDs below for criteria. (LCD selection is based on whether a manual or power wheelchair is requested).</p> <p>See Policy Guidelines for custom items.</p>	K0008, K0013
<i>Manual Wheelchair Bases</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCD: Manual Wheelchair Bases (L33788) • LCA: Manual Wheelchair Bases - Policy Article (A52497) 	E1037, E1038, E1039, E1161, E1229, E1231, E1232, E1233, E1234, E1235, E1236, E1237, E1238, K0001, K0002, K0003, K0004, K0005, K0006, K0007, K0008, K0009
<i>Wheelchair Options/Accessories</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCD: Wheelchair Options/Accessories (L33792) • LCA: Wheelchair Options/Accessories - Policy Article (A52504) <p>NOTES: Even if useful to an individual, many accessories or components are never considered medically necessary. See the LCD and LCA for coverage details. This includes any option or accessory which is primarily used to allow the member to perform leisure or recreational activities.</p>	A9270, A9900, E0705, E0950, E0951, E0952, E0954, E0958, E0959, E0961, E0967, E0971, E0973, E0974, E0978, E0981, E0982, E0985, E0988, E0990, E0995, E1002, E1003, E1004, E1005, E1006, E1007, E1008, E1009, E1010, E1011, E1012, E1014, E1015, E1016, E1017, E1018, E1020, E1028, E1029, E1030, E1225, E1226, E2201, E2202, E2203, E2204, E2205, E2206, E2207, E2208, E2209, E2210, E2211, E2212, E2213, E2214, E2215, E2216, E2217, E2218, E2219, E2220, E2221, E2222, E2224, E2225, E2226, E2227, E2228, E2230, E2295, E2300, E2301, E2310, E2311, E2312, E2313, E2321, E2322, E2323, E2324, E2325, E2326, E2327, E2328, E2329, E2330, E2331, E2351, E2358, E2359, E2360, E2361, E2362, E2363, E2364, E2365, E2366, E2367, E2368, E2369, E2370, E2371, E2372, E2373, E2374, E2375, E2376, E2377, E2378, E2381, E2382, E2383, E2384, E2385, E2386, E2387, E2388, E2389, E2390, E2391, E2392, E2394, E2395, E2396, E2397, E2398, K0015, K0017, K0018, K0019, K0020, K0037, K0038, K0039, K0040, K0041, K0042, K0043,

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		K0044, K0045, K0046, K0047, K0050, K0051, K0052, K0053, K0056, K0065, K0069, K0070, K0071, K0072, K0073, K0077, K0098, K0105, K0108, K0195, K0733
<i>Wheelchair Seating</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCD: Wheelchair Seating (L33312) • LCA: Wheelchair Seating - Policy Article (A52505) 	A9900, E0953, E0955, E0956, E0957, E0960, E0966, E0992, E1028, E2231, E2291, E2292, E2293, E2294, E2601, E2602, E2603, E2604, E2605, E2606, E2607, E2608, E2609, E2610, E2611, E2612, E2613, E2614, E2615, E2616, E2617, E2619, E2620, E2621, E2622, E2623, E2624, E2625, K0669, K0108
<i>Power Mobility Devices</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCD: Power Mobility Devices (L33789) • LCA: Power Mobility Devices - Policy Article (A52498) <p>NOTES: A power mobility device is not considered medically necessary if the underlying condition is reversible and the length of need is less than three months. Power mobility devices are not medically necessary if ordered by a podiatrist. Even if useful to an individual, many accessories or components are never considered medically necessary. See the LCD and LCA for coverage details.</p>	E0983, E0984, E0986, K0013, K0800, K0801, K0802, K0806, K0807, K0808, K0812, K0813, K0814, K0815, K0816, K0820, K0821, K0822, K0823, K0824, K0825, K0826, K0827, K0828, K0829, K0830, K0831, K0835, K0836, K0837, K0838, K0839, K0840, K0841, K0842, K0843, K0848, K0849, K0850, K0851, K0852, K0853, K0854, K0855, K0856, K0857, K0858, K0859, K0860, K0861, K0862, K0863, K0864, K0868, K0869, K0870, K0871, K0877, K0878, K0879, K0880, K0884, K0885, K0886, K0890, K0891, K0898, K0899
<i>For repair or replacement requests</i>	<p>Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15 – Covered Medical and Other Health Services, §110.2 - Repairs, Maintenance, Replacement, and Delivery, Subsections A and C</p> <p>See Policy Guidelines below</p>	Varies
<i>Multiple Wheelchairs</i>	Multiple wheelchairs are not medically necessary under Medicare. (See LCD L33789 for “backup chairs” and the Noridian J-D web page for Back-Up Equipment)	Varies

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<i>Wheelchairs, PWC, or POVs for Use Outside the Home</i>	Any wheelchair, PWC, or POV only for use outside the home is not medically necessary (see LCA A52497 for manual wheelchairs and LCA A52498 for PWC or POV).
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See *Policy Guidelines* below for more important information.

POLICY GUIDELINES

Use of Mobility Device Outside of the Home

While members who qualify for coverage of a wheelchair may use the device outside the home, coverage of a wheelchair under Medicare is determined solely by the beneficiary’s mobility needs **within** the home. Therefore, the documentation must clearly distinguish the abilities and needs of the individual within the home from any *additional* needs for use outside the home.

Heavy Duty, Very Heavy Duty and Extra Heavy Duty Options

Heavy duty, very heavy duty, and extra heavy duty mobility options have specific weight requirements. If a heavy duty, very heavy duty, or extra heavy duty manual wheelchair, PWC or POV is provided, but the beneficiary’s weight is outside the range listed in the criterion, the item may be denied as not medically reasonable and necessary. However, some of the above LCDs suggest that if the member is within 5% of the weight capacity limits for a chair, considering the next higher weight class is reasonable. This is to allow flexibility in the event the member gains weight, thus avoiding any need for a replacement chair.

Custom Wheelchairs or Power Operated Vehicles (POVs)

In order to be classified as "custom," the chair must be so uniquely constructed or substantially modified for one specific member because their needs cannot be met by existing wheelchair options or accessories, including customized seating options. Simply using wheelchair cushions or other options or accessories (regardless of if prefabricated or custom fabricated) and adding to a wheelchair base does not itself classify the wheelchair as "custom." This applies to any type of wheelchair (manual, POV or PWC).

Custom **manual wheelchairs** are never considered to be medically necessary if the expected length of need is less than three months. In addition, a **custom motorized or power wheelchair base** are not considered medically necessary if the underlying condition is reversible and the length of need is less than three months.

Documentation Requirements

Initial Provision

For initial provision of a wheelchair (any type), use the following documentation checklists (as applicable) to determine documentation requirements:

- Documentation checklist for [Manual Wheelchairs](#) (includes documentation requirements for custom manual wheelchairs).
- Documentation checklist for [Power Mobility Devices](#).
- Documentation checklist for [Power Wheelchairs: Group 1, 2 and 3 No Power Option **OR** Custom PWCs](#) (includes documentation requirements for custom power wheelchairs).
- Documentation checklist for [Power Wheelchairs: Group 2 and 3 Single and Multiple Power Option](#).

Replacement Requests

Replacement of wheelchair (any type) or component of a wheelchair may be **medically necessary** when Medicare's DME replacement requirements in the Medicare coverage manual found in the criteria table are met. These include documentation of the following:

- Continued medical need for the performance group the mobility device falls under (e.g., if a member using a manual wheelchair wants to replace with a new manual wheelchair, documentation must show the continued medical need and benefit of the manual wheelchair; however, if they want to replace with a PWC or POV, documentation must support the need for the performance grade change);
- Condition of the wheelchair or component, etc.,
- The wheelchair or component are not under manufacturer warranty, **and**
- The 5-year useful lifetime of the item has been reached. If replacement is requested **prior to** the 5-year useful lifetime of the item being reached, documentation must show loss (or stolen) or irreparable damage from a specific event (e.g., accident, natural disaster, etc.).

BILLING GUIDELINES

General

See associated local coverage articles (LCAs) for coding and billing guidance:

- Local Coverage Article: Manual Wheelchair Bases - Policy Article ([A52497](#))
- Local Coverage Article: Wheelchair Options/Accessories - Policy Article ([A52504](#))
- Local Coverage Article: Power Mobility Devices - Policy Article ([A52498](#))
- Local Coverage Article: Wheelchair Seating - Policy Article ([A52505](#))

These LCAs provide a large amount of information with respect to coding and billing, as well as what may or may not be covered and what components of a wheelchair might be bundled into the initial provision of a chair.

Incidental To Denials

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Certain components and accessories of a wheelchair are included in the reimbursement of the base chair, and thus, are not eligible for separate reimbursement at initial issue. According to LCA A52498, “All accessories needed for safe operation” are included on initial issue and thus are not allowed separate payment, nor should they be separately reported at the time of initial issue, even if the HCPCS code used is not included in the Column I/Column II table in LCA A52504. In addition, not all accessories will be considered medically necessary because they may not meet the definition of DME, as defined by Medicare.

The LCA for *Wheelchair Options/Accessories - Policy Article (A52504)* provides a detailed up-to-date table to determine which items or components would be considered incidental to/included in the allowance for the base item listed in Column I, which means separate reimbursement will not be provided for these items. To determine if additional components may be approved separately, see the LCAs A52498 and A52504.

Non-Covered Items

While not an all-inclusive list, some HCPCS codes are not covered under Medicare. These codes may not be considered medically necessary or may not be eligible for separate reimbursement. Such codes include, but are not limited to, the following:

Note: See the “Not Covered” list of codes in the CPT/HCPCS code table below for additional non-covered items.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATIONALE
E0968	Commode seat, wheelchair	Medicare criteria for a commode require the member be confined to a single room or to their bed. A commode feature on a wheelchair would not meet these criteria, making the commode seat on a wheelchair not medically necessary.
E0969	Narrowing device, wheelchair	Convenience item. Wheelchairs must be selected in a manner to allow for adequate navigation through a member's home. Thus, this device <i>within</i> the home shouldn't be necessary. To require a narrowing device for use <i>outside</i> the home would not be medically necessary.
E0970	No. 2 footplates, except for elevating leg rest	Other codes for footplates are available.
E0980	Safety vest, wheelchair	Not primarily medical in nature, not medically necessary.
E0994	Arm rest, each	Other more specific codes are available - E0973, K0015-K0020
E1227	Special height arms for wheelchair	Per A52497, codes for manual wheelchairs include armrests and per A52498, codes for power wheelchairs include fixed height armrests. Specific codes are available for adjustable armrests when appropriate.
E1228	Special back height for wheelchair	Per A52497, codes for manual wheelchairs include the back support so this is not allowed separate reimbursement.
E1296	Special wheelchair seat height from floor	Codes for wheelchairs include any seat height so this is not allowed separate reimbursement.
E1297	Special wheelchair seat depth, by upholstery	Codes for wheelchairs include any seat depth so this is not allowed separate reimbursement.

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E1298	Special wheelchair seat depth and/or width, by construction	Codes for wheelchairs include any seat depth and width so this is not allowed separate reimbursement.
E2340	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, 20-23 inches	Per A52504, for power wheelchairs, separate billing for nonstandard seat frame dimensions is not allowed separate reimbursement with minimal exceptions. For the exceptions, K0108 is used instead.
E2341	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, 24-27 inches	Per A52504, for power wheelchairs, separate billing for nonstandard seat frame dimensions is not allowed separate reimbursement with minimal exceptions. For the exceptions, K0108 is used instead.
E2342	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 20 or 21 inches	Per A52504, for power wheelchairs, separate billing for nonstandard seat frame dimensions is not allowed separate reimbursement with minimal exceptions. For the exceptions, K0108 is used instead.
E2343	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 22-25 inches	Per A52504, for power wheelchairs, separate billing for nonstandard seat frame dimensions is not allowed separate reimbursement with minimal exceptions. For the exceptions, K0108 is used instead.

CPT/HCPCS CODES

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Power Wheelchairs	
E2331	Power wheelchair accessory, attendant control, proportional, including all related electronics and fixed mounting hardware
E2358	Power wheelchair accessory, group 34 non-sealed lead acid battery, each
E2360	Power wheelchair accessory, 22nf non-sealed lead acid battery, each
E2362	Power wheelchair accessory, group 24 non-sealed lead acid battery, each
E2364	Power wheelchair accessory, u-1 non-sealed lead acid battery, each
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
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

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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
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

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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
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
Power Operated Vehicle	
E1230	Power operated vehicle (three or four wheel nonhighway) specify brand name and model number
E2372	Power wheelchair accessory, group 27 non-sealed lead acid battery, each
E2610	Wheelchair seat cushion, powered
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
K0898	Power wheelchair, not otherwise classified

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Note: Inclusion of a code in this section does not guarantee reimbursement or coverage. The following codes do not require routine review for medical necessity, but they may be subject to audit or benefit denial.

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
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
E0981	Wheelchair accessory, seat upholstery, replacement only, each
E0982	Wheelchair accessory, back upholstery, replacement only, each
E0986	Manual wheelchair accessory, push-rim activated 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
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

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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
E1028	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable or removable mounting hardware for joystick, other control interface or positioning accessory
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
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

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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
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
E1229	Wheelchair, pediatric size, not otherwise specified
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

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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
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
E2231	Manual wheelchair accessory, solid seat support base (replaces sling seat), includes any type mounting hardware

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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
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
E2351	Power wheelchair accessory, electronic interface to operate speech generating device using power wheelchair control interface
E2359	Power wheelchair accessory, group 34 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)
E2361	Power wheelchair accessory, 22nf sealed lead acid battery, each, (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)
E2363	Power wheelchair accessory, group 24 sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat)

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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
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
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

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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
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

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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
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
K0051	Cam release assembly, footrest or leg rest, replacement only, each
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

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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)

**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.

Not Covered

Based on an LCD, LCA or Noridian web page¹, all codes in this section are **non-covered** by Medicare.

A9270	Non-covered item or service
E0968	Commode seat, wheelchair
E0969	Narrowing device, wheelchair
E0970	No. 2 footplates, except for elevating leg rest
E0980	Safety vest, wheelchair
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
E0994	Arm rest, each
E1227	Special height arms for wheelchair
E1228	Special back height for wheelchair
E1296	Special wheelchair seat height from floor
E1297	Special wheelchair seat depth, by upholstery
E1298	Special wheelchair seat depth and/or width, by construction
E2230	Manual wheelchair accessory, manual standing system
E2300	Wheelchair accessory, power seat elevation system, any type
E2301	Wheelchair accessory, power standing system, any type
E2340	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, 20-23 inches
E2341	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, 24-27 inches

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E2342	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 20 or 21 inches
E2343	Power wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame depth, 22-25 inches
E2367	Power wheelchair accessory, battery charger, dual mode, for use with either battery type, sealed or non-sealed, each
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
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
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
K0899	Power mobility device, not coded by DME PDAC or does not meet criteria

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Company Medical Policies serve as guidance for the administration of plan benefits. Medical policies do not constitute medical advice nor a guarantee of coverage. Company Medical Policies are reviewed annually and are based upon published, peer-reviewed scientific evidence and evidence-based clinical practice guidelines that are available as of the last policy update. The Companies reserve the right to determine the application of Medical Policies and make revisions to Medical Policies at any time. Providers will be given at least 60-days notice of policy changes that are restrictive in nature.

The scope and availability of all plan benefits are determined in accordance with the applicable coverage agreement. Any conflict or variance between the terms of the coverage agreement and Company Medical Policy will be resolved in favor of the coverage agreement.

REGULATORY STATUS

Mental Health Parity Statement

Coverage decisions are made on the basis of individualized determinations of medical necessity and the experimental or investigational character of the treatment in the individual case. In cases where medical necessity is not established by policy for specific treatment modalities, evidence not previously considered regarding the efficacy of the modality that is presented shall be given consideration to determine if the policy represents current standards of care.

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