

Description

Wheeled mobility devices include, but are not limited to manual wheelchairs (e.g. standard, heavy duty, lightweight, ultra lightweight), powered wheelchairs, motorized wheelchairs or power operated vehicles (scooters) Wheelchairs are generally used by adults or children with neurological, orthopedic, or cardiopulmonary conditions. The appropriate type of wheelchair is determined according to the individual's body size (e.g., pediatric, bariatric, and adult wheelchairs) and medical needs (e.g., spasticity, contractures, cardiopulmonary, postural deficits, etc.). Wheelchair accessories and options are available for those individuals with specific medical needs related to mobility. This document addresses criteria related accessories and options.

Clinical Indications

Medically Necessary:

Options/accessories for the following types of wheeled mobility devices:

- Manual Wheelchairs–Standard, Heavy Duty, Lightweight, Ultra Lightweight; AND
- Wheelchairs–Powered, Motorized, Power Operated Vehicles (POVs) and Power Seating Systems

are considered **medically necessary** when:

- The wheelchair itself is considered medically necessary; **AND**
- The options or accessories are necessary for the member to function in the home and perform the activities of daily living.

The following table lists some options/accessories and the **medically necessary criteria**:

Option/Accessory

Medically Necessary Criteria

- Adjustable arm rest option

Individual requires an arm rest that is different than that available using nonadjustable armrests and s

- Arm Trough

Individual has quadriplegia, hemiplegia, or uncontrolled arm movements.

- Tilt-in-space

Individual is wheelchair confined and cannot reposition self, operate a manual tilt and requires tilt-in-s

- Hemi-height

Many standard and most lightweight manual wheelchairs have an axle or base option that allows the

- One-arm drive

One-arm drive attachments allow a manual wheelchair user to self-propel in a forward motion with on

- Swing away hardware

Swing away, retractable, or removable hardware is used to move the component out of the way to en

- Elevating leg rests

The individual has a musculoskeletal condition or the presence of a cast or brace which prevents 90 c

- Safety belt
- Pelvic strap
- Chest strap

The individual has weak upper body muscles, upper body instability or muscle spasticity which require

- Semi or fully reclining back option

The individual spends at least two hours per day in the assistive device, cannot reposition self and has

- Positioning seat cushion
- Positioning back cushion
- Positioning accessory

The individual has significant postural asymmetries that are due to quadriplegia, paraplegia, multiple

- Nonadjustable combination skin protection and positioning seat cushion
- Adjustable combination skin protection and positioning seat cushion

The individual has any significant postural asymmetries that are due to quadriplegia, paraplegia, multiple

Repairs and replacements for wheelchair options/accessories are considered **medically necessary** when:

- Needed for normal wear or accidental damage;
- The changes in the individual's condition warrant additional or different options/accessories, based on clinical documentation.

Not Medically Necessary:

Wheelchair options/accessories are considered **not medically necessary** for any of the following:

- When their features are generally intended for use outdoors;
- An option/accessory which exceeds that which is medically necessary for the member's condition;
- Options/accessories used as backups for current options/accessories or anticipated as future needs;
- Options/accessories that allow the member to perform leisure or recreational activities.

The following are some examples of comfort, luxury or convenience items:

- Mobility assistive device rack for automobiles;
- Support frames for cellular phone/CDs/etc.;
- Auto carrier - car attachment to carry assistive device;
- Lifts providing access to stairways or car trunks;
- Transit options, tie-downs;
- Baskets/bags/backpacks/pouch - used to transport personal belongings;
- Towing package;
- Crutch and cane holder;
- Prefabricated plastic or foam vest type trunk support designed to be worn over clothing

and not attached to an assistive device;

- Trunk loader - assists in lifting the assistive device into a van;
- Cup holders;
- Prefabricated plastic-frame back support that can be attached to an assistive device but doesn't replace the back;
- Upgrading for racing or sports;
- Firearm/weapon holder/support;
- Ramps – used to allow entrance or exit from the home;
- Frame/holder for ice chest;
- Snow tires for the assistive device;
- Seat lift mechanisms;
- Van modifications, van lifts, hand controls, etc. that allow transportation or driving while seated in the manual wheeled mobility device.

Modifications to the structure of the home environment to accommodate any options/accessories (e.g., widening doors, lowering counters) are considered **not medically necessary**.

Definitions

Activities of daily living (ADLs): self care activities such as transfers, toileting, grooming and hygiene, dressing, bathing, and eating

Functional Mobility: the ability to consistently move safely and efficiently, with or without the aid of appropriate assistive devices (such as prosthetics, orthotics, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.), at a reasonable rate of speed to complete an individual's typical mobility-related activities of daily living; functional mobility can be altered by deficits in strength, endurance sufficient to complete tasks, coordination, balance, speed of execution, pain, sensation, proprioception, range of motion, safety, shortness of breath, and fatigue.

Coding

The following codes for treatments and procedures applicable to this document are included below for informational purposes. Inclusion or exclusion of a procedure, diagnosis or device code(s) does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement policy. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage of these services as it applies to an individual member.

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HCPCS

E0950-E0995	Wheelchair accessories/modifications [includes codes E0950, E0951, E0952, E0953, E0954, E0955, E0956, E0957, E0958, E0959]
E1009-E1010	Wheelchair accessory, addition to power seating system [includes codes E1009, E1010]
E1011	Modification to pediatric size wheelchair, width adjustment package
E1014	Reclining back, addition to pediatric size wheelchair
E1015-E1016	Shock absorber for manual wheelchair, each/power wheelchair, each
E1017-E1018	Heavy duty shock absorber for heavy duty or extra heavy duty manual wheelchair, each
E1020	Residual limb support
E1028	Wheelchair accessory, manual swing away, retractable or removable mounting hardware
E1029-E1030	Ventilator trays
E1225-E1226	Wheelchair accessories, reclining backs
E1227-E1228	Special height arms/back for wheelchair
E1296-E1298	Special wheelchair seat height/depth/width [includes codes E1296, E1297, E1298]
E2201-E2206	Manual wheelchair accessories [includes codes E2201, E2202, E2203, E2204, E2205, E2206]
E2207-E2210	Wheelchair accessories [includes codes E2207, E2208, E2209, E2210]
E2211-E2231	Manual wheelchair accessories [includes codes E2211, E2212, E2213, E2214, E2215, E2216, E2217, E2218, E2219, E2220, E2221, E2222, E2223, E2224, E2225, E2226, E2227, E2228, E2229, E2230, E2231]
E2291-E2295	Backs/seats for pediatric size wheelchairs [includes codes E2291, E2292, E2293, E2294, E2295]
E2300-E2351	Power wheelchair accessories [includes codes E2300, E2301, E2310, E2311, E2312, E2313, E2314, E2315, E2316, E2317, E2318, E2319, E2320, E2321, E2322, E2323, E2324, E2325, E2326, E2327, E2328, E2329, E2330, E2331, E2332, E2333, E2334, E2335, E2336, E2337, E2338, E2339, E2340, E2341, E2342, E2343, E2344, E2345, E2346, E2347, E2348, E2349, E2350, E2351]
E2360-E2365	Power wheelchair accessories, batteries [includes codes E2360, E2361, E2362, E2363, E2364, E2365]
E2366-E2367	Power wheelchair accessories, battery chargers
E2368-E2370	Power wheelchair components [includes codes E2368, E2369, E2370]
E2371-E2372	Power wheelchair accessories, group 27 batteries

E2373-E2377	Power wheelchair accessories, controllers [includes codes E2373, E2374, E2375, E
E2381-E2397	Power wheelchair accessories, tires/wheels [includes codes E2381, E2382, E2383
E2601-E2621	Wheelchair seat/back cushions [includes codes E2601, E2602, E2603, E2604, E26
K0015-K0077	Wheelchair accessories/replacements [includes codes K0015, K0017, K0018, K00
K0098	Drive belt for power wheelchair
K0105	IV hanger, each
K0108	Wheelchair component or accessory, not otherwise specified
K0195	Elevating leg rest, pair
K0669	Wheelchair accessory, wheelchair seat or back cushion
K0733	Power wheelchair accessory, 12 to 24 amp hour sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g
K0734-K0735	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushions
K0736-K0737	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushions

ICD-9 Diagnosis

All diagnoses

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