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Update for National Coverage Determination (NCD) Seat Elevation Equipment (Power Operated) on Power Wheelchairs

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has notified its determination for the following:

As of May 16, 2023, the power seat lift equipment is reasonable and medically necessary. A power seat lift system is a component of a wheelchair that raises and lowers users while they remain seated. This determination applies to beneficiaries who use complex rehabilitation electric wheelchairs and who meet the following conditions:

1. The individual has undergone a specialized evaluation confirming the ability to safely operate seat lift equipment at home. This evaluation must be performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or other professional, who has training and experience specifically in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations; and,
2. You must meet at least one of the following:
 - a. The individual performs weight-bearing transfers to/from the power wheelchair while at home, using their upper extremities during a non-level (uneven) seated transfer and/or their lower extremities during a sit-to-stand transfer. Transfers can be performed with or without the assistance of a caregiver and/or the use of assistive equipment (e.g., slide board, cane, crutches, walker, etc.); or,
 - b. The individual requires a weightless transfer (e.g., a dependent transfer) to/from the power wheelchair while at home. Transfers can be performed with or without a floor or elevator mounted; or,
 - c. The individual reaches from the power wheelchair to complete one or more mobility-related activities of daily living, such as toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, and bathing in common locations within the home. Activities of daily living related to mobility can be accomplished with or without the assistance of a caregiver and/or the use of assistive equipment.

The Medicare administrative contractor for durable medical equipment in Puerto Rico, in effect, recognizes these lifts as medically necessary for beneficiaries who use complex rehabilitation power chairs, as described in the national coverage determination.

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