

# ATP Involvement

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## Scope

All National Seating & Mobility policies and procedures apply to all owners, directors, officers, and employees of NSM and all related entities equally unless otherwise indicated.

## Purpose/Policy Introduction

For certain rehab power mobility devices (PMDs), Medicare and other payers require that the supplier employ a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs, and who has direct in-person involvement in the equipment selection for the client.

## Policy

The term rehab PMD includes Group 2 power wheelchairs (PWCs) with power seating options, all Group 3, 4, and 5 PWCs, and push-rim power assist devices. Evidence in our file of “direct in-person interaction with the patient by the ATP in the wheelchair selection process” for clients who are provided with the equipment under the PMD codes is required.

The codes include:

- Manual Wheelchairs – K0005, E1161
- Power Wheelchairs – K0835-K0864
- Power Assist Devices – E0986

For the codes that require the in-person involvement of an ATP, the ATP must physically see and interact with the client and must document that involvement by completing a measurement or evaluation sheet. Per CMS guidelines, the ATP is expected to translate the functional information from the licensed certified medical professional (LCMP) specialty examination into specific equipment selection for the client. Having a PT, OT or MD document the ATP’s presence at an evaluation does not replace the need to have supplier documentation demonstrating the ATP’s intellectual contribution to the process.

## Procedure

To avoid the need for a client to undergo two separate evaluations, an RTS who is asked to evaluate any clients requiring direct involvement of an ATP should refer the client directly to the ATP for the evaluation. Referring the client to the ATP for the evaluation makes the ATP's in-person assessment and involvement in the equipment selection process clear, and removes any appearance that the ATP simply signed off on the RTS's evaluation. Signing off on an RTS's evaluation without performing their own documented in-person evaluation of the client by the ATP is not compliant.

For payers that require the ATP be present at the evaluation with a PT, OT or physician, the ATP's presence at the evaluation must be documented as required by the specific payer.

The RESNA certified ATP who had direct in-person interaction with the patient must provide a separate Seating Assessment or Measurement Sheet. The document must show that the ATP measured the client, assessed seating and positioning needs and made appropriate observations about the client. The documentation must be signed and dated by the ATP, including their credentials. The ATP documentation must be scanned in the client's work order. The ATP assessment must take place and be documented prior to the final equipment selection.

## References/Resources

Federal Regulation 42 CFR 410.38

## Definitions

Term	Definition
<b>PMD</b>	<b>Power Mobility Device</b>
<b>ATP</b>	<b>RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional</b>

## Policy History

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