## MEDICAL NECESSITY CHECKLIST POWER WHEELCHAIR

\*Documentation of the mobility evaluation must be documented in the clinician's usual medical record-

keeping	g for	rmat. A separate letter will not meet documentation requirements. Please avoid vague or
subject	ive (	descriptions such as: weakness, poor endurance, gait instability or abnormal gait, difficulty
walking	, SC	DB, pain and fatigue.
		In-Person visit specifically addressing the patient's mobility needs (Face-to-Face encounter)
		Patient diagnosis(s) responsible for the mobility limitation. A mobility limitation is a
		condition(s) that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-
		related activities within the home. Including qualifying dx for custom seating and back.
		Progression of ambulation difficulty over time/throughout the day. Pace of ambulation
		How far can the patient walk without stopping? What assistive device is being used?
		History of falls. Include frequency of falls and circumstances leading to the falls
		Why can't the patient use a cane or walker?
		Activities within the home that cannot be completed without the use of
		the power wheelchair. (example: toileting, feeding, grooming and bathing)
		Why can't the patient use an optimally configured manual wheelchair or scooter to meet
		this patient's mobility needs inside the home?
		Limitations of strength, endurance, range of motion or coordination, presence of pain or
		deformity. Absence of one or both upper extremities are relevant to the assessment of
		upper extremity function.
		Can the patient safely use a power wheelchair? Does this patient exhibit the physical and
		mental capability to operate the equipment?
		The patient's home provides adequate access between rooms, maneuvering space, and
		surfaces for the operation of the power wheelchair that is provided.
		Patients height and weight are in range of requested power wheelchair base
		Physician concurrence with LCMP exam
•		oup 2 Power wheelchair (K0820-K0829)-Covered if all criteria for a PWC are met and the
wh		hair is appropriate for the patient's weight
•		oup 2 Single Power Option Power Wheelchair (K0835-K0840)-Covered if all criteria for a PW
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  - o The patient 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) OR meets coverage criteria for a power tilt or a power recline seating system and the system is being used on the wheelchair.
  - Must have a specialty evaluation performed by a LCMP such as a PT or OT and documents the medical necessity and its special features.
  - ATP needs to have direct in-person involvement with wheelchair selection.
- Group 2 Multiple Power Option Power Wheelchair (K0841-K0843)- Covered if all criteria for a PWC is met and:
  - The patient meets coverage criteria for a power tilt and recline seating system and the system is being used on the wheelchair **OR** the patient uses a ventilator which is mounted on the wheelchair.
  - o Must have a specialty evaluation performed by a LCMP such as a PT or OT and documents the medical necessity and its special features.
  - o ATP needs to have direct in-person involvement with wheelchair selection.
- Group 3 Power Wheelchair No Power Options (K0848-K0855)-Covered if all criteria for a PWC is met and:

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- The patient's mobility limitation is due to a neurological condition, myopathy, or congenital skeletal deformity. (example: ALS, spinal cord injuries resulting in quadriplegia, stroke (CVA) with hemiplegia, late stage Parkinson's, late stage MS, cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy.)
- Must have a specialty evaluation performed by a LCMP such as a PT or OT and documents the medical necessity and its special features.
- o ATP needs to have direct in-person involvement with wheelchair selection.
- Group 3 Power Wheelchair with Single/Multiple Power Option (K0856-K0864)-Covered if all criteria for a PWC is met and:
  - o The Group 2 Single Power Option or Multiple Power Options are met.
  - The patient's mobility limitation is due to a neurological condition, myopathy, or congenital skeletal deformity. (example: ALS, spinal cord injuries resulting in quadriplegia, stroke (CVA) with hemiplegia, late stage Parkinson's, late stage MS, cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy.)
  - Must have a specialty evaluation performed by a LCMP such as a PT or OT and documents the medical necessity and its special features.
  - ATP needs to have direct in-person involvement with wheelchair selection.
- Group 5 Pediatric PWC with Single (K0890) or Multiple (K0891) Power Option-Covered if all criteria for a PWC is met and:
  - The patient is expected to grow in height
  - o The Group 2 Single Power Option or Multiple Power Options criteria are met.
- Push-Rim Activated Power Assist (E0986)-Covered if all criteria for a power mobility device are met and:
  - o The patient has been self-propelling in a manual wheelchair for at least one year
  - Must have a specialty evaluation performed by a LCMP such as a PT or OT and documents the medical necessity and its special features.
  - o ATP needs to have direct in-person involvement with wheelchair selection.
- Standard Written Order for Base-All elements must be completed by the clinician
- Second SWO for options/accessories-Can be prepared by the supplier. Must include all billable options or accessories.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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 – i.e., a Heavy Duty PWC is covered for a beneficiary weighing 285 – 450 pounds; a Very Heavy Duty PWC is covered for a beneficiary weighing 428 – 600 pounds; an Extra Heavy Duty PWC is covered for a beneficiary weighing 570 pounds or more.