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Wheelchair Accessories Insurance Coverage Criteria

- 1 Prescription of Ordered Item
- 2 Patient must qualify for a wheelchair for these items to be covered through insurance
- 3 Additional clinical notes from the medical record may be needed (see requirements below)

Elevating Legrest

- a) Patient cannot flex knee 90 degrees **OR**
- b) Patient has significant edema in lower extremities **OR**
- c) Patient meets criteria for reclining wheelchair

Seat Belt

- a) Patient has weak upper body muscles, upper body instability, or muscle spasticity

Wheelchair Seat Cushion

- a) General Use Cushion
 - a. Notation of the cushion recommendation in the clinical notes
- b) Skin Protection Cushion
 - a. Current pressure ulcer or history of pressure ulcer in an buttocks, hip, coccyx areas, **OR**
 - b. Absent or impaired sensation in the area of contact with the seating surface or the inability to perform a functional weight shift
- c) Positioning Cushion
 - a. Patient has significant postural asymmetries
- d) Combination Skin Protection and Positioning Cushion
 - a. Meet criteria of both B&C above

Wheelchair Back Cushion

- a) General use Cushion

Coverage criteria is taken from the CMS Medicare Local Coverage Determination policies. These guidelines are subject to change without notice. Last Updated 8.16.19.

- a. Notation of the cushion recommendation in the clinical notes

Armrests

- a) Adjustable height armrests can be covered if patient requires arm height that is different than the standard nonadjustable and the patient spends at least 2 hours per day in the wheelchair
- b) Arm trough can be covered if patient has quadriplegia, hemiplegia, or uncontrolled arm movements