



Medicare Wheelchair Qualifications

Prescription

- Patient's Name
- Date of Order
- General Description of Item(s) / Accessories / Supplies
- Frequency, if applicable & Quantity to be dispensed
- Physician Signature
- Physician Name Printed or NPI

Chart Notes *(must support the following)*

1. They have a mobility limitation that inhibits ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (e.g. toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, and bathing in customary locations in the home.)
 - a. Prevents patient from accomplishing the MRADL entirely, **OR**
 - b. Places them at risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to ability to perform MRADL, **OR**
 - c. Prevents patient from completing the MRADL within a reasonable time frame, **AND**
2. The mobility limitation cannot be resolved by cane or walker; **AND**
3. Their home has adequate access between rooms, maneuvering space, and surfaces for use with the W/C; **AND**
4. Use of the W/C will greatly improve their ability to participate in MRADLs and they will use it regularly; **AND**
5. They have not expressed unwillingness to use manual W/C in home.

Plus, one of the following:

6. They have upper extremity function and physical/mental capabilities to safely use the W/C; **OR**
7. They have a caregiver who is available, willing, and able to aid with the W/C.

If the patient will only be using the wheelchair outside the home, it is considered statutorily non-covered by Medicare.

Additional Information

Standard Wheelchair (K0001)	Patient Weight ≤250 lbs.
Lightweight Wheelchair (K0003)	Patient Weight ≤250 lbs. Patient must not be able to self-propel in a standard wheelchair and would be able to in a lightweight wheelchair
Heavy Duty Wheelchair (K0006)	Patient Weight >250 lbs.
Extra Heavy Duty Wheelchair (K0007)	Patient Weight >300 lbs.
Transport Chair (E1038)	Same as wheelchair, but used as alternative
Heavy Duty Transport Chair (E1039)	Same as wheelchair, but used as alternative; Patient Weight >300lbs.

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