

Manual Wheelchairs and Accessories

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Definitions

Mobility	The ability to move about in one's environment
Activities of daily living (ADLs)	Activities required for personal care including toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming and bathing

HCPCS Codes

Paragraph

Manual Wheelchairs

Standard Wheelchair (HCPCS K0001)

A standard wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual or caregiver can propel the wheelchair
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home

Hemi Wheelchair (HCPCS K0002)

A hemi wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual or caregiver can propel the wheelchair
- The individual needs a low seat height due to (**any**):
 - Short stature
 - To enable patient's feet to touch the ground for self-propulsion
- The patient's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home

Lightweight Wheelchair (HCPCS K0003)

A lightweight wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual cannot propel a standard wheelchair
- The individual can propel a lightweight wheelchair
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home

High Strength Lightweight Wheelchair (HCPCS K0004)

A high strength lightweight wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual will spend at least 2 hours per day in the wheelchair
- The individual can propel the high strength lightweight wheelchair
- The individual can propel the wheelchair while engaging in activities at home that cannot be accommodated by a standard, lightweight or hemi wheelchair OR the individual requires a seat depth, height or width that cannot be accommodated by a standard, lightweight or hemi wheelchair
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home

Ultra Lightweight Wheelchair (HCPCS K0005)

An ultra lightweight wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual or a caregiver can propel the wheelchair
- The individual must use the wheelchair full-time
- The individual must require unique fitting and adjustments that cannot be provided by another wheelchair type
- The individual must have a wheelchair specialty evaluation performed by a medical professional with specific training and expertise in wheelchair assessments
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home

Heavy Duty Wheelchair (HCPCS K0006)

A heavy duty wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual or caregiver can propel the wheelchair
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home
- The individual weighs more than 250 pounds or has severe spasticity

Extra Heavy Duty Wheelchair (HCPCS K0007)

An extra heavy duty wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual or caregiver can propel the wheelchair
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home
- The individual weighs more than 300 pounds

Manual Wheelchair with Tilt in Space (HCPCS E1161)

A manual wheelchair with tilt in space may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches
- The individual or caregiver can propel the wheelchair
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home
- The individual must have a wheelchair specialty evaluation performed by a medical professional with specific training and expertise in wheelchair assessments
- The individual has documented medical or functional impairments that would preclude the use of a wheelchair without the tilt feature

Transport Wheelchair (HCPCS E1037, E1038, or E1039)

A transport wheelchair may be indicated when **all** of the following apply:

- The individual has limited mobility that affects mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs)
- The individual's mobility needs cannot be met with a cane, walker or crutches

- The individual's caregiver can propel the wheelchair
- The individual's home has access and space for the wheelchair
- The wheelchair will be used in the home
- There is documentation why a standard wheelchair would not be appropriate for the individual

Wheelchair Accessories

Adjustable Height Arm Rests (HCPCS E0973, K0017, K0018, K0020)

Adjustable height wheelchair arm rests may be indicated when **both** of the following apply:

- Medical necessity criteria for a manual wheelchair have been met
- The patient has a medical or functional reason for the standard wheelchair arm height and spends 2 hours or more in the wheelchair each day

Elevating Leg Rests (HCPCS E0990, K0046, K0047, K0053, K0195)

Elevating wheelchair leg rests may be indicated when **both** of the following apply:

- Medical necessity criteria for a manual wheelchair have been met
- The individual has **one** of the following:
 - Lower extremity edema
 - A condition that prevents 90 degree flexion at the knee
 - A reclining wheelchair back

Nonstandard Seat Frame (HCPCS E2201, E2202, E2203, E2204)

A nonstandard wheelchair seat frame may be indicated when **both** of the following apply:

- Medical necessity criteria for a manual wheelchair have been met
- The patient has physical dimensions that preclude the use of a standard frame

Manual Fully Reclining Back (HCPCS E1226)

A manual fully reclining wheelchair back may be indicated when **both** of the following apply:

- Medical necessity criteria for a manual wheelchair have been met
- The individual has **one** of the following:
 - not perform a functional weight shift
 - Individual uses intermittent catheterization for bladder management and cannot independently transfer from wheelchair to bed

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