



## Power Seat Elevation Equipment on Power Wheelchairs

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Related CR Title: National Coverage Determination (NCD) 280.16 Power Seat Elevation Equipment on Power Wheelchairs

### Affected Providers

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- Physicians
- Suppliers
- Other professionals billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients

### Action Needed

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Make sure your billing staff knows about:

- NCD 280.16 for power seat elevation equipment on power wheelchairs
- Coding requirements for this equipment

### Background

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On May 16, 2023, CMS issued a Benefit Category Determination and National Coverage Determination ([NCD 280.16](#)) for power seat elevation equipment on certain power wheelchairs. Power seat elevation equipment used with a power wheelchair raises and lowers users while they remain in the seated position. This equipment uses an electromechanical lift system to provide varying amounts of vertical seat to floor height. It doesn't change the seated angles or the seat's angle relative to the ground.

Effective for services you provide starting May 16, 2023, power seat elevation equipment is reasonable and necessary for patients using complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs, as defined at 42 CFR §414.202, when they meet the following conditions:

1. The individual has had a specialty evaluation that confirms their ability to safely operate the seat elevation equipment in the home. A licensed or certified medical professional such as a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or other practitioner,

who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations must perform the evaluation; and,

2. At least 1 of the following applies:

- A. The individual does weight bearing transfers to or from the power wheelchair while in the home, using either their upper extremities during a non-level (uneven) sitting transfer and/or their lower extremities during a sit to stand transfer. The individual may transfer with or without caregiver assistance and/or the use of assistive equipment, for example, sliding board, cane, crutch, or walker; or,
- B. The individual requires a non-weight bearing transfer, for example, a dependent transfer to or from the power wheelchair while in the home. The individual may be transferred with or without a floor or mounted lift; or,
- C. The individual reaches from the power wheelchair to complete one or more mobility related activities of daily living (MRADLs) such as toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, and bathing in customary locations within the home. The individual may do the MRADLs with or without caregiver assistance and/or the use of assistive equipment.

In addition, the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC) has discretion to determine reasonable and necessary coverage of power seat elevation equipment for individuals who use Medicare-covered power wheelchairs other than complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs.

Suppliers must use HCPCS codes:

- E2300 (Wheelchair accessory, power seat elevation system, any type) to submit claims for power seat elevation equipment either for those individuals using:
  - Complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) K0835-K0864) or,
  - Group 5 wheelchairs (HCPCS K0890, K0891).
- K0830 (Power Wheelchair, Group 2 Standard, Seat Elevator, Sling/Solid Seat/Back Patient Weight Capacity Up To and Including 300 Pounds) and K0831 (Power Wheelchair, Group 2 Standard, Seat Elevator, Captains Chair, Patient Weight Capacity Up To and Including 300 Pounds) shall be used to submit claims for individuals using seat elevation on Group 2 power wheelchairs that **aren't** complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs

Your MAC won't adjust claims previously processed unless you bring those claims to their attention.

## More Information

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We issued CR 13277 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

## Document History

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August 8, 2023	Initial article released.

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