



Lift Chairs and Seat Lift Mechanisms

Documentation Requirements

Medicare/Commercial/Tricare

- ★ Will only cover the seat lift mechanism. The chair itself will be cash pay.
- ★ Seat Lift Mechanism Standard Written Order
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medicaid

- ★ Lift Chair is covered under the Alaska Medicaid Waiver Program. The seat lift mechanism is considered part of the lift chair.
- ★ Documentation and Prior Authorization are obtained by the patient's Care Coordinator. Documentation MUST be sent to the patient's Care Coordinator to begin the documentation process.

Medical Record Requirements

- ★ Face to face visit with treating practitioner documenting patient's condition that requires the seat lift mechanism.
 - ☐ For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
 - ☐ The prescriber ordering the seat mechanism must be the treating practitioner or a consulting practitioner for the disease or condition causing the need of the seat lift mechanism.
- ★ Medical records must support all of the following:
 - ☐ Patient has severe arthritis of the hip or knee or has a severe neuromuscular disease.
 - ☐ Mechanism must be part of the treating practitioner's course of treatment and be prescribed to effect improvement, or delay/stop deterioration in the patient's condition.
 - ☐ Patient is completely incapable of standing up from a regular armchair or any chair in their home.
 - Difficulty standing up or being incapable of standing up from a low chair or a chair without arms is not sufficient justification. Almost all patients who are capable of ambulating can get out of an ordinary chair if the seat height is appropriate and the chair has arms.
 - ☐ Once standing, the patient must be able to ambulate.
 - ☐ All appropriate therapeutic modalities (medication, physical therapy, etc.) have been tried and failed to enable the patient to transfer from a chair to a standing position.

Alaska Medicaid Waiver Program

- ★ The patient's care coordinator is the primary point of contact for obtaining authorization for the lift chair.
- ★ Patient's care coordinator will reach out to Procure once the Plan of Care documentation is obtained to obtain a quote to request the Waiver Service Authorization.
- ★ Once the approved Plan of Care is received by Procure, the patient will be contacted to dispense the lift chair.

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