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Elevate YOUR Patients with Seat Elevation



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Learning Objectives

- Understand the coverage criteria for the seat elevation system
- **NEXT STEPS** for implementation from coverage to reimbursement
- Establish a protocol for billing to ensure accurate reimbursement



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History of the Seat Elevation System - Non Covered

- The language ***not primarily medical in nature*** was Medicare's policy and why these items were in the non-covered category
- Could never be covered by Medicare under this policy
- In September of 2020 the ITEM Coalition Workgroup, submitted a National Coverage Determination to CMS with a coverage policy for the power seat elevation to demonstrate that this item is primarily medical in nature (ITEM - Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid)
- Medicare opened up public comment for the power seat elevation for 30 days in mid Aug 2022 and AGAIN in Mar 2023
- Received over 3000 comments from the industry



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Current Seat Elevation System Coverage

- **On May 16, 2023 CMS issued** - NCA - Seat Elevation Systems as an Accessory to Power Wheelchairs (CAG-00461N)
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) **finds that power seat elevation equipment on Medicare-covered power wheelchairs (PWCs) falls within the benefit category for durable medical equipment (DME)**
- After considering the public comments on the proposed decision memorandum, CMS is also expanding coverage **beyond the proposed decision**
- CMS finds in this national coverage analysis that the evidence is sufficient to determine that power seat elevation equipment **is reasonable and necessary for individuals using complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs** when the following conditions are met:



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1. The individual has undergone a specialty evaluation that confirms the individual's ability to safely operate the seat elevation equipment in the home. This evaluation must be performed by a licensed/certified medical professional such as a physical therapist (PT), occupational therapist (OT), or other practitioner, **who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations; AND**
2. At least **one** of the following apply:
 - a. The individual performs **weight bearing transfers to/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. Transfers may be accomplished with or without caregiver assistance and/or the use of assistive equipment (e.g. sliding board, cane, crutch, walker, etc.); **OR,**



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2. At least **one** of the following apply:
 - b. The individual requires a **non-weight bearing transfer (e.g. a dependent transfer) to/from the power wheelchair while in the home**. Transfers may be accomplished with or without a floor or mounted lift; **OR**
 - c. The individual performs **reaching 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**. MRADLs may be accomplished with or without caregiver assistance and/or the use of assistive equipment



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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 PWCs other than complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs.

- Discretion for non complex power wheelchairs (individual consideration group 2)
- Complex power wheelchairs are – K0835-K0864, K0890, K0891(group 2 complex, all group 3 and group 5)
- Complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs are defined in 42 CFR 414.202, and include both Group 2 PWCs with power options that can accommodate rehabilitative features (for example, tilt in space) and Group 3 PWCs. Individuals who use these type of power wheelchairs are expected to use them for most, if not all, mobility related needs in the home.



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Current Seat Elevation System Coding

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- To submit claims to the DME MACs for power seat elevation equipment beginning May 16, 2023, outside of the exceptions noted below, **suppliers must use Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code E2300** (Wheelchair accessory, power seat elevation system, any type)
- HCPCS codes K0830 and K0831 **MUST** be used to submit claims for individuals with Medicare using seat elevation on **Group 2 power wheelchairs that are not complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs**
- Claims submitted using HCPCS code E2300 for power seat elevation equipment on wheelchairs other than Group 5 and complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs (K0835-K0864) will be denied
- **The E2300 code CAN'T be used on codes K0813-K0829**



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Current Seat Elevation System Fee Schedule Amount (allowable)

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- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after May 16, 2023, **interim local fee schedule amounts for power seat elevation equipment will be established by the DME MACs** for use in paying any allowed claims for power wheelchairs with power seat elevation
- HCPCS coding and **national fee schedule amounts** for power wheelchairs with power seat elevation will be addressed as part of an upcoming HCPCS public meeting, **likely later this fall**
- **National Fee Schedule – Jan 2024 / Apr 2024**



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Current Seat Elevation System NEXT STEPS

- Normally when an NCD is issued the effective date is later from the release date
- The seat elevation was released and is effective on the same date (May 16, 2023)



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Current Seat Elevation System – Claim Submission

- Codes E2300, K0830 and K0831 **were all in the non covered category and AUTO denied** as such
- MACs had to change the logic to accept the codes as covered - Completed on May 26
- Products submitted to Medicare for reimbursement using K0830 and K0831 **MUST** be officially listed on the PDAC Product Classification List
- Code E2300 as like all accessories do **NOT** have to be officially PDAC coded and on the Product Classification List
- Codes E2300, K0830 and K0831 are currently **NOT** on the prior authorization eligible list of base codes under the condition of payment and optional list for accessories - Expected these codes to be added in the future (TBD)
- Modifiers for the E2300 will be NUBPKX (new product)
- K0830 and K0831 will follow the capped rental logic (RRKHKX the KI for KH in months 2-3 and KJ for KI in months 4-13)



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Current Seat Elevation System – Claim Submission

- Seat Elevation will **NOT** change the power base code like the tilt and recline
- It will count toward the electronics upgrade when it's medically necessary for the bene to operate the power function through the drive control
- Meaning the seat elevation counts as an actuator for the determination of how many power functions are on the chair which determine these upgraded electronics - E2310, E2311, E2377 and E2313



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Thank You for Attending

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