



Health & Human Services

SEAT LIFT MECHANISM

Service Authorization Required - No

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUAL

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Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:

Coverage allowed if the following conditions are present:

- The member must have severe arthritis of the hip or knee or have a severe neuromuscular disease.
- The seat lift mechanism must be a part of the physician/practitioner's course of treatment and be prescribed to effect improvement, or arrest or retard deterioration in the member's condition.
- The member must be completely incapable of standing up from a regular armchair or any chair in their home. (The fact that a member has difficulty or is even incapable of getting up from a chair, particularly a low chair, is not sufficient justification for a seat lift mechanism. Almost all members 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 member must have the ability to ambulate.
- Coverage of seat lift mechanisms is limited to those types that operate smoothly, can be controlled by the member, and effectively assist a member in standing up and sitting down without other assistance. Excluded from coverage is the type of lift that operates via a spring-release mechanism with a sudden, catapult-like motion that jolts the member from a seated to a standing position.
- All other therapeutic modalities (medication, physical therapy) have been tried and failed.
- Limited to one every five years.

Documentation Requirements:

- A prescription from a prescribing physician/practitioner.
- Medical documentation supporting the need.
- Prescribing physician/practitioner note within 90 days of the service authorization's requested start date.

Non-covered:

- A seat lift mechanism (**E0172**) placed over or on top of a toilet, any type.



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May 2017	Reviewed and Reformatted
November 2019	Reviewed. Updated Documentation Requirements section bullet three - removed 60 days within service authorization start date and added per the current DME Manual's requirements.
November 23, 2022	Reviewed and reformatted. Documentation Requirement's bullet three replaced "Physician/practitioner exam per current DME Manual's requirements" with "Prescribing physician/practitioner note within 90 days of SA requested start date". Header logo updated with new logo.
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