

CLINICIAN CHECKLIST FOR HEAVY DUTY AND EXTRA HEAVY DUTY WHEELCHAIRS

Policy References:

- [Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\) \(L33788\)](#)
- [Policy Article \(A52497\)](#)

Documentation References:

- [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article \(A55426\)](#)

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

[Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)

Medical records as noted below

Medical Documentation

All standard manual wheelchair coverage criteria are met:

The beneficiary has a mobility limitation which significantly impairs their ability to participate in mobility related activities of daily living (MRADL); **and**

The mobility limitation cannot be resolved by a cane or walker; **and**

The beneficiary's home provides adequate access between rooms, maneuvering space, and surfaces for use of the manual wheelchair that is provided; **and**

The MWC will significantly improve the beneficiary's ability to participate in MRADLS, and will be used on a regular basis in the home; **and**

The beneficiary has not expressed an unwillingness to use the manual wheelchair; **and**

The beneficiary has sufficient upper extremity function and other physical and mental capabilities to safely self-propel the MWC in the home on a typical day; **or**

A caregiver is available and willing to provide assistance.

Heavy Duty Wheelchair

Standard manual wheelchair coverage above; **and**

Beneficiary weighs more than 250 pounds; **or**

Has severe spasticity.

Extra Heavy Duty Wheelchair

Standard manual wheelchair coverage above; **and**
Beneficiary weighs more than 300 pounds.