

Policy References: [Local Coverage Determination Manual Wheelchair Bases \(L33788\) and Policy Article \(A52497\)](#)

Documentation References: [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article \(PA\) A55426](#)

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

Medical Documentation

- All criteria in the Standard Manual Wheelchair checklist

Lightweight Wheelchair

- Beneficiary cannot self-propel in a standard wheelchair; **and**
- Beneficiary can self-propel in a lightweight wheelchair

High-Strength Lightweight Wheelchair

- Beneficiary self-propels the wheelchair while engaging in frequent activities that cannot be performed in a standard or lightweight wheelchair; **or**
- Beneficiary requires a seat width, depth, or height that cannot be accommodated in a standard, lightweight, or hemi-wheelchair and spends at least two hours per day in the wheelchair.

Ultra-Lightweight Wheelchair

- Beneficiary requires individualized fitting and adjustments for one or more features such as, but not limited to axle configuration which cannot be accommodated by a general standard manual wheelchair.
- A specialty evaluation performed by a licensed/certified medical professional (LCMP), such as a PT or OT, or a clinician who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations, and that documents the medical necessity for the wheelchair and its special features.

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