

# Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Seat Lift Mechanisms (L33801)

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## LCD Information

### Document Information

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## **CMS National Coverage Policy**

CMS Pub. 100-03, Chapter 1, Section 280.4

### **Coverage Guidance**

#### **Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity**

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements.

The purpose of a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) is to provide information regarding “reasonable and necessary” criteria based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions.

In addition to the “reasonable and necessary” criteria contained in this LCD there are other payment rules, which are discussed in the following documents, that must also be met prior to Medicare reimbursement:

- The LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.

- The LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.
- Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.
- Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

For the items addressed in this LCD, the "reasonable and necessary" criteria, based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions, are defined by the following coverage indications, limitations and/or medical necessity.

A seat lift mechanism is covered if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The beneficiary must have severe arthritis of the hip or knee or have a severe neuromuscular disease.
2. The seat lift mechanism must be a part of the treating practitioner's course of treatment and be prescribed to effect improvement, or arrest or retard deterioration in the beneficiary's condition.
3. The beneficiary must be completely incapable of standing up from a regular armchair or any chair in their home. (The fact that a beneficiary 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 beneficiaries who are capable of ambulating can get out of an ordinary chair if the seat height is appropriate and the chair has arms.)
4. Once standing, the beneficiary must have the ability to ambulate.

Coverage of seat lift mechanisms is limited to those types which operate smoothly, can be controlled by the beneficiary, and effectively assist a beneficiary in standing up and sitting down without other assistance. Excluded from coverage is the type of lift which operates by spring release mechanism with a sudden, catapult-like motion and jolts the beneficiary from a seated to a standing position.

The practitioner ordering the seat lift mechanism must be the treating practitioner or a consulting practitioner for the disease or condition resulting in the need for a seat lift. The practitioner's record must document that all appropriate therapeutic modalities (e.g., medication, physical therapy) have been tried and failed to enable the beneficiary to transfer from a chair to a standing position.

## GENERAL

A Standard Written Order (SWO) must be communicated to the supplier before a claim is submitted. If the supplier bills for an item addressed in this policy without first receiving a completed SWO, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

For Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) base items that require a Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD), the supplier must have received a signed SWO before the DMEPOS item is delivered to a beneficiary. If a supplier delivers a DMEPOS item without first receiving a WOPD, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary. Refer to the LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.

For DMEPOS base items that require a WOPD, and also require separately billed associated options, accessories, and/or supplies, the supplier must have received a WOPD which lists the base item and which may list all the associated options, accessories, and/or supplies that are separately billed prior to the delivery of the items. In this scenario, if the supplier separately bills for associated options, accessories, and/or supplies without first receiving a completed and signed WOPD of the base item prior to delivery, the claim(s) shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

An item/service is correctly coded when it meets all the coding guidelines listed in CMS HCPCS guidelines, LCDs, LCD-related Policy Articles, or DME MAC articles. Claims that do not meet coding guidelines shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary/incorrectly coded.

Proof of delivery (POD) is a Supplier Standard and DMEPOS suppliers are required to maintain POD documentation in their files. Proof of delivery documentation must be made available to the Medicare contractor upon request. All services that do not have appropriate proof of delivery from the supplier shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

### Summary of Evidence

NA

### Analysis of Evidence (Rationale for Determination)

NA

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## Coding Information

### CPT/HCPCS Codes

#### Group 1 Paragraph:

The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage.

#### HCPCS MODIFIER:

EY - No physician or other licensed health care provider order for this item or service.

#### HCPCS CODES:

##### Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
E0172	SEAT LIFT MECHANISM PLACED OVER OR ON TOP OF TOILET, ANY TYPE
E0627	SEAT LIFT MECHANISM, ELECTRIC, ANY TYPE
E0629	SEAT LIFT MECHANISM, NON-ELECTRIC, ANY TYPE

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## General Information

## **Associated Information**

### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act precludes payment to any provider of services unless "there has been furnished such information as may be necessary in order to determine the amounts due such provider." It is expected that the beneficiary's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The beneficiary's medical records include the treating practitioner's office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records, records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This documentation must be available upon request.

### **GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to justify payment for DMEPOS items, suppliers must meet the following requirements:

- SWO
- Medical Record Information (including continued need/use if applicable)
- Correct Coding
- Proof of Delivery

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding these requirements.

Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.

Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

### **POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Items covered in this LCD have additional policy-specific requirements that must be met prior to Medicare reimbursement.

Refer to the LCD-related Policy article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information.

### MISCELLANEOUS

### APPENDICES

### UTILIZATION GUIDELINES

Refer to Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity

### **Sources of Information**

Reserved for future use.

### **Bibliography**

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01/01/2017	R4	<p><b>Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2017:</b>            Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity            Revised: Typographical error Oorthotics to Orthotics</p> <p><i>04/19/2018: At this time 21st Century Cures Act will apply to new and revised LCDs that restrict coverage which requires comment and notice. This revision is not a restriction to the coverage determination; and, therefore not all the fields included on the LCD are applicable as noted in this policy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typographical Error</li> </ul>
01/01/2017	R3	<p><b>Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2017</b>            COVERAGE INDICATIONS, INDICATIONS, LIMITATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider</li> </ul>

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07/01/2016	R2	<p>Effective July 1, 2016 oversight for DME MAC LCDs is the responsibility of CGS Administrators, LLC 18003 and 17013 and Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 19003 and 16013. No other changes have been made to the LCDs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in Assigned States or Affiliated Contract Numbers</li> </ul>
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## Associated Documents



**Attachments**

CMS849-Seat Lift Mechanisms

(PDF - 142 KB )

**Related Local Coverage Documents**

Article(s)

A52518 - Seat Lift Mechanisms - Policy Article

A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

**Related National Coverage Documents**

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**END OF LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION**

Per the Code of Federal Regulations, 42 C.F.R § 426. 325, only those portions of the currently effective Local Coverage Determination (LCD) that are based on section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, may be challenged through an acceptable complaint as described in 42 C.F.R § 426.400. Also, per 42 C.F.R § 426.325 items that are not reviewable, and therefore cannot be challenged, include the Policy Article. Please note the distinction of the documents when reviewing the materials.

## Local Coverage Article: Seat Lift Mechanisms - Policy Article (A52518)

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## Article Information

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## **Article Guidance**

### **Article Text:**

### **NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES**

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. Information provided in this policy article relates to determinations other than those based on Social Security Act §1862(a)(1)(A) provisions (i.e. "reasonable and necessary").

Seat lift mechanisms are covered under the Durable Medical Equipment benefit (Social Security Act §1861(s)(6)). In order for a beneficiary's equipment to be eligible for reimbursement the reasonable and necessary (R&N) requirements set out in the related Local Coverage Determination must be met. In addition, there are specific statutory payment policy requirements, discussed below, that also must be met.

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

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC DMEPOS ITEMS PURSUANT TO Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217)**

Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217) requires a face-to-face encounter and a Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD) for specified HCPCS codes. CMS and the DME MACs provide a list of the specified codes, which is periodically updated. The link will be located here once it is available.

Claims for the specified items subject to Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217) that do not meet the face-to-face encounter and WOPD requirements specified in the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article (A55426) will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

If a supplier delivers an item prior to receipt of a WOPD, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary. If the WOPD is not obtained prior to delivery, payment will not be made for that item even if a WOPD is subsequently obtained by the supplier. If a similar item is subsequently provided by an unrelated supplier who has obtained a WOPD, it will be eligible for coverage.

## **POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to policy specific documentation requirements, there are general documentation requirements that are applicable to all DMEPOS policies. These general requirements are located in the DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS section of the LCD.

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this Policy Article under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS and the POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS discussed below.

## **CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL NECESSITY (CMN)**

A Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN), which has been completed, signed and dated by the treating practitioner, must be kept on file by the supplier, and made available upon request. The CMN may act as a substitute for the Standard Written Order (SWO) if it contains the same information as required in a SWO. The CMN for seat lift mechanisms is CMS Form 849. In addition to the order information that the treating practitioner enters in Section B, the supplier can use the space in Section C for a written confirmation of other details of the order or the treating practitioner can enter the other details directly.

A new CMN is not required just because the supplier changes assignment status on the submitted claim.

## **CODING GUIDELINES**

A seat lift mechanism that is electrically operated is billed using HCPCS code E0627.

A manually operated seat lift mechanism is billed using HCPCS code E0629.

When providing a seat lift mechanism that is incorporated into a chair as a complete unit at the time of purchase, suppliers must bill the item using the established HCPCS code for the seat-lift mechanism. In this situation, the

supplier may bill the seat lift mechanism using E0627 or E0629, and bill A9270 for the chair.

A toilet seat lift mechanism (E0172) is a device with a seat that can be raised with or without a forward tilt while the beneficiary is seated, allowing the beneficiary to ambulate once he/she is in a more upright position. It may be manually operated or electric. It is attached to the toilet. (For information about seat lift mechanisms that are incorporated in a commode, see the Commodes policy.)

Suppliers should contact the Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) Contractor for guidance on the correct coding of these items.

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## Coding Information

### CPT/HCPCS Codes

N/A

### ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

N/A

### ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

N/A

### Additional ICD-10 Information

N/A

### Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

### Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the policy, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to

apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

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01/01/2017	R5	<p><i>03/07/2019: At this time 21st Century Cures Act applies to new and revised LCDs which require comment and notice. This is an article and not a local coverage determination.</i></p>
01/01/2017	R4	<p><b>Revision History Effective Date: 01/01/2017</b></p> <p>NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES Added: 42 CFR 410.38(g) language, previously in POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS section</p> <p><i>04/19/2018: At this time 21st Century Cures Act applies to new and revised</i></p>



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07/01/2016	R2	Effective July 1, 2016 oversight for DME MAC Articles is the responsibility of CGS Administrators, LLC 18003 and 17013 and Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 19003 and 16013. No other changes have been made to the Articles.
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## Associated Documents

### Related Local Coverage Document(s)

Article(s)

A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

LCD(s)

L33801 - Seat Lift Mechanisms

### Related National Coverage Document(s)

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