

Required Medicare Documentation

Manual Wheelchair Bases

The following documentation must be provided for ALL types of manual wheelchair configurations. This document will provide an outline and is to be used as a guide in preparing the initial order documentation for any manual wheelchair; Standard, Lightweight, High-strength, and Heavy-duty.

Medicare can change the required documentation at any time, please contact BLACKBURN'S for additional assistance.

- Face Sheet
- Diagnosis Sheet
- Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD) contains: beneficiary name, date of order, detailed description of item(s), physician name & signature and physician's NPI.
- H&P
- PT/OT Notes
- Face-to-Face Examination (F2F) (F2F is an in-person examination done by treating physician showing that beneficiary was evaluated/treated for a condition supporting the need for the equipment. Must be dated no more than six months before date of order)

Standard Wheelchair

Required Documentation:

Either the H&P, PT/OT notes, or F2F must document that the wheelchair is required for MRADL's inside the home and details about the significant impairment of the beneficiary's mobility limitations. The beneficiary must have sufficient upper body strength and other physical and mental capabilities to self-propel the chair or has a caregiver willing and able to assist. **Remember:** A cane or walker must also be proven to be ineffective.



Lightweight Wheelchair

Required Documentation:

Either the H&P, PT/OT notes, or F2F must document and describe why a cane, walker and standard wheelchair is ineffective for the beneficiary. **Remember:** The beneficiary must be able to self-propel a lightweight chair, but can not propel a standard wheelchair. Example: If the beneficiary gets short of breath after 50' in a standard chair, proof such as a pulse ox must be recorded showing that they can now propel a lightweight.



High-Strength Lightweight Wheelchair

Required Documentation:

Either the H&P, PT/OT notes, or F2F must document and provide a detailed description as to why a cane, walker, standard or a lightweight wheelchair is not feasible for the beneficiary i.e. the required wheelchair structure for the beneficiary or mobility limitations and/or the beneficiary self-propels the wheelchair to engage in frequent activity that cannot be performed in a standard or lightweight wheelchair. **Remember:** The patient MUST independently self-propel a high-strength lightweight chair.



Heavy-Duty Wheelchair

Required Documentation:

Either the H&P, PT/OT notes, or F2F must document and provide a detailed description as to why a cane, walker, standard lightweight or a high-strength wheelchair is not feasible for the beneficiary i.e. the required wheelchair structure for the patient or mobility limitations. **Remember:** Patient must exceed 250 lbs for a heavy-duty wheelchair and must exceed 300 lbs for extra heavy-duty wheelchair.



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