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## New Temporary "K" Code for Power Mobility Device (PMD) Batteries

**Note:** This article was revised on April 28, 2016, to add a link to a related article ([SE1604](#)) that summarizes the available substance abuse treatment services and provides reference links to other online Medicare information with further details about these services. All other information remains the same

### Provider Types Affected

Suppliers and providers billing Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) and/or fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services related to power mobility devices.

### Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4253, which establishes a new temporary "K" code for PMD batteries.

### Background

Effective July 1, 2006, a new "K" code will be established for a 12- to 24-hour battery for power mobility devices. Effective July 1, 2006, the following K code will be added to the system:

K Code	Descriptor
K0733	Power wheelchair accessory, 12 to 24 amp hour sealed lead acid battery, each. ( for example, gel cell, absorded glassmat)

**Note: K codes describe temporary durable medical equipment (DME) and drug codes. Once these codes are approved for permanent inclusion into the Healthcare**

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**Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), they usually become “A”, “E,” or “J” codes:**

- “A” codes - ambulance and transportation services; medical and surgical supplies; and administrative, miscellaneous and investigational services/supplies
- “E” codes – DME such as walkers, hospital beds, infusion supplies, etc.
- “J” codes - injectable drugs that can be injected subcutaneously, intramuscularly or intravenously with the dosage injected indicated.

The pricing category for K code **K0733** is “32” (inexpensive or routinely purchased items), and the type of service (TOS) includes “A” (Used DME), “P” (Lump Sum Purchase of DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics), and “R” (Rental of DME). In addition, the place of service (POS) for K code K0733 is listed in the following table:

Place of Service	Descriptor
04	Homeless Shelter
12	Patient’s Home
13	Assisted Living Facility
14	Group Home
33	Custodial Care Facility
54	Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded
55	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center
56	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center

### Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your DMERC/intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R823CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your DMERC/intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html>.

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## Document History

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October 26, 2012	The article was updated, to reflect current Web addresses.

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