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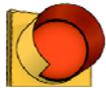
New "K" Codes for Wheelchair Cushions

Note: This article was updated on April 22, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. This article was previously revised on August 20, 2007, to add a reference to MLN Matters article 4267 in the Additional Information section. MM4267 added four "K" codes for adjustable wheelchair cushions **effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2006**. All other information remains the same.

Providers Affected

Durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers and Home Health Agencies.

Provider Action Needed



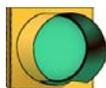
STOP – Impact to You

Medicare may not reimburse you correctly for ordering or supplying wheelchair cushions for your Medicare patients if you don't use the correct codes on your claim.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has established twenty new "K" codes for wheelchair cushions.



GO – What You Need to Do

You need to make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these new "K" codes for wheelchair cushions provided on or after July 1, 2004.

Background

Effective July 1, 2004 CMS will establish twenty new "K" codes that address the ordering/supplying of wheelchair cushions for Medicare patients. The following table contains the new codes:

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Code #	Description	Short Descriptor
K0650	General use wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Gen w/c cushion width < 22"
K0651	General use wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Gen w/c cushion width > 22"
K0652	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width < 22"
K0653	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width > 22"
K0654	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Position w/c cushion width < 22"
K0655	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Position w/c cushion width > 22"
K0656	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width < 22"
K0657	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width > 22"
K0658	Custom fabricated wheelchair seat cushion, any size	Custom fabricated w/c cushion
K0659	Wheelchair seat cushion powered	Powered w/c cushion
K0660	General use wheelchair back cushion, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Gen use back cushion width < 22"
K0661	General use wheelchair back cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Gen use back cushion width > 22"
K0662	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back cushion width < 22"
K0663	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back cushion width > 22"
K0664	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior-lateral, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back post/lat width < 22"
K0665	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior-lateral width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back post/lat width > 22"
K0666	Custom fabricated wheelchair back cushion, any size, including any type mounting hardware	Custom fab w/c back cushion
K0667	Mounting hardware, any type, for seat cushion or seat support base attached to a manual wheelchair or lightweight power wheelchair, per cushion/base	Mount hardware man or light power w/c
K0668	Replacement cover for wheelchair seat cushion or back cushion, each	Replacement cover w/c seat cush
K0669	Wheelchair seat or back cushion, no written coding verification from SADMERC	W/c seat/back no CVR SADMERC

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Additional Information

You can find more information about the "K" codes for at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R83CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

In MM4267, CMS announced that it established four new "K" codes for adjustable wheelchair cushions, effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2006. MM4267 may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/mm4267.pdf> on the CMS website.

Should you have any questions concerning these codes, you may contact your Medicare DME carrier or Regional Home Health Intermediary at their toll-free number. If you do not have the number, you may obtain it <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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