
Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Two New “K” Codes for Heavy Duty Hospital Beds

The following new temporary “K” codes have been established to describe a heavy duty and extra heavy duty hospital bed:

K0549 - Hospital Bed, Heavy Duty, Extra Wide, With Weight Capacity Greater Than 350 Pounds, But Less Than or Equal To 600 Pounds, With Any Type Side Rails, With Mattress

NOTE: K0549 will replace the current code E0298 which will become invalid for Medicare use on April 1, 2001.

K0550 – Hospital Bed, Extra Heavy Duty, Extra Wide, With Weight Capacity Greater Than 600 Pounds, With Any Type Side Rails, With Mattress

CWF category: 1, 59, 60

DMEPOS category: 4

POS: 12, 33, 54, 55,56

TOS: R

DMERCs should publish these codes in their next scheduled bulletin.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is July 1, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2002.

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