

# **Power Mobility Device (PMD) Demonstration Operational Guide**

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## Chapter 1: The PMD Benefit

For any item to be covered by Medicare it must:

- Be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category,
- Be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and
- Meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements.

The Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for each jurisdiction describes in further detail the circumstance under which a PMD will be covered by Medicare.

Medicare covers scooters and power wheelchairs (called PMDs) when:

- It is needed by the beneficiary to perform activities of daily living in the home
- Other devices (canes, walkers, manual wheelchairs) are not sufficient

Complete coverage and documentation requirements are outlined in the following policies:

- National Coverage Determination (NCD) for PMD
- LCDs for PMD
  - Jurisdiction A LCD (including NY)
  - Jurisdiction B LCD (including IL, MI)
  - Jurisdiction C LCD (including FL, NC, TX)
  - Jurisdiction D LCD (including CA)
  - CMS MLN Matters Article provides further guidance and clarification about documentation for physicians and treating practitioners when ordering PMDs

## **Chapter 2: HCPCS Codes Subject to the Prior Authorization Demonstration**

The following HCPCS codes subject to the prior authorization demonstration:

- All power operated vehicles (K0800-K0805 thru K0809-K0812)
- All standard power wheelchairs (K0813-K0829)
- All Group 2 complex rehabilitative power wheelchairs (K0835 thru K0843)
- All group 3 complex rehabilitative power wheelchairs without power options (K0848 thru K0855)
- All pediatric power wheelchairs (k0890 thru K0891)
- Miscellaneous power wheelchairs (k0898)

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## Chapter 3: Demonstration Logistics

### A. Who

The physician/ treating practitioner should submit the Prior Authorization request. Alternatively, the supplier, acting on behalf of the physician/ treating practitioner, may perform this administrative function and submit the request.

### B. Where

This 7 state demonstration is based on the beneficiary's state of residence as reported to the Social Security Administration. The 7 states are:

- California
- Florida
- Illinois
- Michigan
- New York
- North Carolina
- Texas

If a beneficiary needs to update the address on file at Social Security, the beneficiary can:

- Go online: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/ICOA/coa001.jsp>
- Call at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Contact the [local Social Security office](#)
- What the beneficiary will need:
  - Complete new address, including zip code.
  - Provide a new phone number or a number to be contacted at.

### C. When:

This demonstration will start for PMDs when the 7 element order is signed on or after XXX, 2012. (Note: an exact date will be published in the Federal Register).

The demonstration will end for PMDs when the 7 element order is signed on or after XXX, 2015. (Note: an exact date will be published in the Federal Register).

### D. What is included:

The Prior Authorization of PMD demonstration involves the following HCPCS codes:

- All Power Operated Vehicles (K0800-K0805 and K0809-K0812)
- All standard power wheelchairs (K0813 thru K0829)
- All Group 2 complex rehabilitative power wheelchairs (K0835 thru K0843)

- All Group 3 complex rehabilitative power wheelchairs without power options (K0848 thru K0855)
- All pediatric and Group 4 power wheelchairs (K0887 thru K0891)
- Miscellaneous power wheelchairs (K0898)

Note: Group 3 complex rehabilitative power wheelchairs with power options (K0856 thru K0864) are excluded.

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## Chapter 4: Documentation Requirements

### A. The face-to-face examination documentation

- See the [MLN Checklist](#) for more details about what a provider needs to include in this documentation.

### B. 7 element order

1. Patient name
2. Description of item ordered
  - a. “Power operated vehicle”
  - b. “Power wheelchair”
  - c. “Power mobility device”
  - d. Or something more specific
3. Date of face-to-face examination
4. Diagnoses/conditions related to need for PMD
5. Length of need
6. Physician/practitioner signature
7. Date of physician/practitioner signature

### C. Detailed product description

- Must be completed by the supplier, and reviewed and signed by the treating physician;
- Specific Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for base and all options and accessories that will be separately billed;
- Narrative description of the items or manufacturer name and model name/number;
- Physician signature and date signed; and
- Date stamp to document receipt date.

### D. Other Relevant Documentation if necessary.

## Chapter 5: Submitting a Request

### A. The following data elements are to be included in a PA request package:

- The Beneficiary's Name, HCIN, and Date of Birth
- The Physician's Name, NPI and Address
- The Name of the Supplier, the Supplier NPI and the Address
- HCPCS Code
- Submission Date

### B. The PA request package must include the following documentation:

- Face-to-face documentation
- 7 element order
- Detailed Product Description
- Other necessary clinical information

### C. Send Request

- For beneficiaries residing in CA: DME MAC D:
  - Fax Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
  - Street Address
  - esMD (indicate document type "Advanced Determination")
- For beneficiaries residing in IL: DME MAC B:
  - Fax Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
  - Street Address
  - esMD (indicate document type "Advanced Determination")
- For beneficiaries residing in MI: DME MAC B:
  - Fax Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
  - Street Address
  - esMD (indicate document type "Advanced Determination")
- For beneficiaries residing in NY: DME MAC A:
  - Fax Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
  - Street Address
  - esMD (indicate document type "Advanced Determination")
- For beneficiaries residing in FL: DME MAC C:
  - Fax Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
  - Street Address
  - esMD (indicate document type "Advanced Determination")
- For beneficiaries residing in NC: DME MAC C:
  - Fax Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
  - Street Address
  - esMD (indicate document type "Advanced Determination")
- For beneficiaries residing in TX: DME MAC C:
  - Fax Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
  - Street Address
  - esMD (indicate document type "Advanced Determination")

#### D. General Process

- The DME MAC will review the request and either:
  - Affirm the request (Chapter 5)
  - Non-affirm the request (Chapter 7)
  - Deem the request incomplete (Chapter 6)
- If a claim denial is necessary for secondary insurance payment for the PMD, the following process is to be followed:
  - The submitter is to submit the **prior authorization request** with complete documentation as appropriate. If all relevant Medicare coverage requirements are **not** met for the PMD, then a non-affirmative prior authorization decision will be sent to the physician and treating practitioner, supplier and Medicare beneficiary advising them that Medicare will not pay for the item.
  - After receiving a non-affirmative decision for the prior authorization request, and a **claim** is submitted by the supplier to the DME MAC for payment it will be denied.
  - The submitter or Medicare beneficiary may forward the denied claim to his/her secondary insurance payee as appropriate to determine payment for the PMD.

## Chapter 6: An Affirmative Request

### Supplier's Actions:

- Ensure that home assessment is complete.
- Deliver the item to beneficiary.
- Document proof of delivery.
- Get patient authorization.
- Have all documentation available on request.
- Submit the claim with the tracking number on the claim.
  - Ifs all requirements are met the claim will be paid.
    - The prior authorization demonstration has specific parameters for pre-payment review; however other contractors (CERT, ZPICs, RACs, etc). may have parameters outside of the PA demonstration that will suspend the same claim for another type of review. If your claim is selected for review, guidance and directions will be provided on the Additional Documentation Request Letter from the requesting contractor.

## **Chapter 7: An Incomplete Request**

### **When an incomplete request is submitted:**

- The DME MAC will provide notification of what is missing through a detailed decision letter to all parties affected.
- The physician/treating practitioner may resubmit another complete package with all documentation required as noted in the detailed decision letter.
- If the claim is submitted by the supplier to the DME MAC for payment without an affirmative prior authorization decision, it will be denied.

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## **Chapter 8: A Non-Affirmative Request**

### **Physicians/treating practitioner's actions:**

- Monitor the beneficiary for a future submission.
  - If the clinical condition of the beneficiary changes, complete and submit a new prior authorization request.
- Use the detailed decision letter to ensure that the request package complies with all requirements.
  - Resubmit a prior authorization request, if appropriate.

### **Suppliers Action:**

- Submit the claim (with the tracking number) for a denial.
  - All appeal rights are then engaged.
  - This claim could then be submitted to secondary insurance.

## **Chapter 9: Resubmitting a Prior Authorization Request**

- The submitter should review the detailed decision letter that was provided.
- The submitter should make whatever modifications are needed to the prior authorization package and follow the submission procedures.

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## **Chapter 10: Claim Submission**

- Claims in the series:
  - Should be submitted with the prior authorization tracking number on the claim.
  - Should be submitted to the applicable DME MAC for adjudication.
- Follow the claim submission process based on the prior authorization decision determination.

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## Chapter 11: The Payment Reduction

- If a claim is submitted without a prior authorization, it will be stopped for review.
  - An Additional Documentation Request (ADR) will be sent.
    - The supplier will have 45 days to respond to the ADR with all requested documentation.
    - The supplier can send the documentation via:
      - Fax
      - Mail
      - esMD (for more information see: [www.cms.gov/esMD](http://www.cms.gov/esMD))
  - The DME MAC will review the claim.
    - If the claim is payable the DME MAC will determine if the supplier is a competitive bid supplier.
      - If yes, the claim (and the remainder of the series) will be paid at the single payment amount.
      - If no, the claim (and the rest of the series) will automatically be assessed a 25 percent reduction of the Medicare payment after co-insurance and deductible.
        - This payment reduction is not transferable to the beneficiary.
        - This payment reduction is not appealable.

Beginning 3 months after the demonstration on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2012, CMS will assess a payment reduction for noncompliance with the prior authorization process.

## Chapter 12: The G-Code

- Physician/Practitioner can bill G9156 after he/she submits an initial Prior Authorization Request.
  - G-code is billed to the A/B MAC contractors with the Prior Authorization tracking number.
  - Only one G-code may be billed per beneficiary per PMD even if the physician/practitioners must resubmit the request.
  - Code is not subject to co-insurance and deductible.
  - Physicians may not bill the G-code in instances where the supplier submits the Prior Authorization Request

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## **Chapter 13: Claim Appeals**

Appeals follow all current procedures. For further information consult the Medicare Claims Processing Manual publication 100-04, chapter 29 Appeals of Claims Decision.

This demonstration does not include a separate appeal process for a non-affirmative prior authorization request decision. However, a non-affirmative prior authorization request decision does not prevent the supplier from submitting a claim. Such a submission of a claim and resulting denial by the DME MAC would constitute an initial determination what would make the appeals process available for Medicare beneficiaries and suppliers disputes.

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