Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices (PMD) Demonstration Expansion: Executive Summary
Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs)

Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MAC) will review prior authorization requests for scooters and power wheelchairs (collectively referred to as PMDs) under Medicare Fee-For-Service.

What

- Scooters- costing $1500
- Power wheelchairs- costing upwards of $3,600 over the course of the rental

HHS OIG reported that 80 percent of claims for power wheelchairs did not meet Medicare coverage requirements.

Initial Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs)

When

• The initial PMD Prior Authorization Demonstration started for written orders on or after September 1, 2012

Where

• Initial states: CA, FL, IL, MI, NC, NY, and, TX
Expanded Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs)

When
- October 1, 2014 for the additional 12 states

Where
- Additional states: AZ, MD, NJ, PA, IN, KY, OH, GA, TN, LA, MO, and WA.
  These 19 states account for 71% of the total PMD expenditures for 2011.
Same Coverage and Documentation Requirements as Before

- NCD and LCD coverage are unchanged
- Documentation requirements are unchanged
- Time frames for visit/order/delivery are unchanged
- **The demonstration does NOT create any new documentation requirements; it simply requires the information be submitted earlier in the claims process.**
- Current requirements can be found on the DME MAC website.
Prior Authorization

Ordering **physician/practitioner or supplier** submits a prior authorization request to the DME MAC including:

- Face-to-face evaluation documentation (Nationwide, Physicians can use templates)
- 7 element order
- Detailed product description
- Any other medical documentation to support the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) requirements.
Prior Authorization

• The DME MAC will review request and postmark notification of a written decision within **10 business days** to the Physician/practitioner, Beneficiary, and Supplier.

• The DME MAC will:
  o Affirm (approve) the request or,
  o Non-affirm (deny) the request. If non-affirm, DME MAC will provide detailed written explanation outlining which specific policy requirement(s) was/were not met.

  ▪ **Unlimited requests** may be submitted.
  ▪ DME MAC will review SUBSEQUENT requests within **20 business days**.
## Scenarios

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<td>Affirmative</td>
<td>Submit a claim</td>
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| 3 Not submitted              | N/A                      | Submit a claim (Competitive Bid Supplier). | • Develop the claim.  
• Review the claim.  
• If payable for contract bid winner, pay at scheduled amount. |
| 4 Not submitted              | N/A                      | Submit a claim (Non Competitive Bid Supplier). | • Develop the claim.  
• Review the claim.  
• If payable for non-contract bid winner, pay at 75%. |
Oversight of Contractors

- Frequent meetings with the DME MACs
- Weekly, Monthly, and Ad hoc Reports including:
  - Workload information
  - Average processing time
  - Appeals
- Continued engagement of stakeholders
Evaluation of Demonstration Outcomes

- Has the demonstration developed improved methods for the investigation and prosecution of fraud?
- Did the demonstration have an effect on improper payments?
- What was the impact on suppliers/ practitioners/ beneficiaries?
  - What effect did this have on provider burden?
  - What effect did this have on access to care?
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