

Power Operated Vehicles

Tricenturion

Contractor Information	
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LMRP Information	
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CMS National Coverage Policy	Coverage Issues Manual 60-5, 60-9
Primary Geographic Jurisdiction	CT DE MA ME NH NJ NY PA RI VT
Oversight Region	Region III
CMS Consortium	Northeast
DMERC Region LMRP Covers	Region A
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LMRP Description	Power Operated Vehicle
Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity	<p>COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES:</p> <p>For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. For the items addressed in this medical policy, the criteria for "reasonable and necessary" are defined by the following indications and limitations of coverage and/or medical necessity.</p> <p>A power operated vehicle (POV) is covered when all of the following criteria are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The patient's condition is such that without the use of a wheelchair the patient would not be able to move around in their residence; and 2) The patient is unable to operate a manual wheelchair; and 3) The patient is capable of safely operating the controls for the POV; and 4) The patient can transfer safely in and out of the POV and has adequate trunk stability to be able to safely ride in the POV; and 5) It is ordered by a physician who is one of the following specialties: Physical Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, Neurology, or Rheumatology. Exceptions: When such a specialist is not reasonably accessible (e.g., more than one day's round trip from the beneficiary's home or the patient's condition precludes such travel), an order from the beneficiary's physician may be acceptable. <p>A POV will be denied as not medically necessary when it is needed only for use outside the home. A POV that is beneficial primarily in allowing the patient to perform leisure or recreational activities will be denied as not medically necessary.</p> <p>If a POV is covered, a wheelchair provided at the same time or subsequently will usually be denied as not medically necessary.</p> <p>Vehicles that because of their size and/or other features are generally intended for use outdoors will be denied as noncovered.</p>

	<p>The Medicare allowance for a POV includes all options and accessories that are provided at the time of initial issue, including but not limited to batteries, battery chargers, seating systems, etc.</p> <p>If a patient-owned POV meets coverage criteria, medically necessary replacement items, including but not limited to batteries, are covered.</p>
CPT/HCPCS Section	Durable Medical Equipment Durable Medical Equipment Regional DMERCs
Benefit Category	Durable Medical Equipment
Coverage Topic	Durable Medical Equipment Wheelchairs
Coding Information	
CPT/HCPCS Codes	<p>The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage.</p> <p>E1230 POWER OPERATED VEHICLE (THREE OR FOUR WHEEL NONHIGHWAY) SPECIFY BRAND NAME AND MODEL NUMBER</p> <p>K0461 POWER ADD-ON, TO CONVERT MANUAL WHEELCHAIR TO POWER OPERATED VEHICLE, TILLER CONTROL</p>
Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)	
ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity	Not specified.
Diagnoses that Support Medical Necessity	Not specified.
ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity	Not specified.
Non-Medical Necessity ICD-9 Codes Asterisk Explanation	
Diagnoses that DO	Not specified.

NOT Support Medical Necessity	
Reasons for Denials	Items listed in this policy will be denied as not medically necessary when provided for conditions other than those listed in the "Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity" section unless it specifically states in that section that they will be denied as noncovered.
Non-covered ICD-9 Codes	
Non-covered Diagnoses	Not specified.
Coding Guidelines	<p>If an option or accessory provided at the time of initial issue is billed separately, it must be coded A9900 (miscellaneous DME supply, accessory, and/or service component of another HCPCS code).</p> <p>A replacement item, including but not limited to replacement batteries, should be billed using the specific wheelchair option or accessory code if one exists. (Refer to the Wheelchairs Options & Accessories medical policy.) If a specific code does not exist, use code K0108 (wheelchair component or accessory, not otherwise specified).</p> <p>Code E1230 should be used only for POVs that can be operated inside the home. Code A9270 (noncovered item or service) should be used for vehicles that cannot be operated inside the home.</p> <p>Code E1230 is not used for a manual wheelchair with an add-on tiller control power pack. Use the appropriate code for the manual wheelchair base provided (K0001-K0009) and code K0461.</p> <p>Suppliers should contact the Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (SADMERC) for guidance on the correct coding of these items.</p>
General Information	
Documentation Requirements	Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act precludes payment to any provider of services unless "there has been furnished such information as may be necessary in order to determine the amounts due such provider" (42 U.S.C. section 13951(e)). It is expected that the patient's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The patient's medical records include the physician's office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records, records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This documentation must be

	<p>available to the DMERC upon request.</p> <p>A Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) must be filled out, signed and dated by the treating physician and kept on file by the supplier. The CMN for POVs is HCFA Form 850. This applies to the power add-on code K0461 as well as to code E1230. The completed and signed CMN or a separate order which has been signed and dated by the treating physician must be obtained prior to delivery of the POV and kept on file by the supplier.</p> <p>The claim for a purchase or first month's rental must include a copy of the CMN if filed hard copy. If the claim is filed electronically, the information on the CMN must be transcribed exactly into the GU0 record. (See DMEPOS National Standard Format Matrix for details.) If additional medical necessity information is included, it must be transcribed into the HA0 record.</p> <p>When the ordering physician is not a specialist in Physical Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, Neurology, or Rheumatology, additional documentation must be submitted with the claim which describes the reasons for not seeing one of these specialists.</p> <p>Refer to the Supplier Manual for more information on documentation requirements.</p>
Appendices	
Footnotes	
Utilization Guidelines	Refer to Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity.
Other Comments	
Sources of Information and Basis for Decision	
Advisory Committee Meeting Notes	
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