

WAC 182-543-4100 Covered—Wheelchairs—Manual. The medicaid agency covers the rental or purchase of a manual wheelchair for a home client who is nonambulatory or has limited mobility and requires a wheelchair to participate in normal daily activities. For clients who reside in a skilled nursing facility, see WAC 182-543-5700.

(1) The agency determines the type of manual wheelchair for a home client as follows:

(a) A standard wheelchair if the client's medical condition requires the client to have a wheelchair to participate in normal daily activities;

(b) A standard lightweight wheelchair if the client's medical condition is such that the client:

(i) Cannot self-propel a standard weight wheelchair; or

(ii) Requires custom modifications that cannot be provided on a standard weight wheelchair.

(c) A high-strength, lightweight wheelchair for a client:

(i) Whose medical condition is such that the client cannot self-propel a lightweight or standard weight wheelchair; or

(ii) Requires custom modifications that cannot be provided on a standard weight or lightweight wheelchair.

(d) A heavy duty wheelchair for a client who requires a specifically manufactured wheelchair designed to:

(i) Support a person weighing three hundred pounds or over; or

(ii) Accommodate a seat width up to twenty-two inches wide (not to be confused with custom heavy duty wheelchairs).

(e) A custom heavy duty wheelchair for a client who requires a specifically manufactured wheelchair designed to:

(i) Support a person weighing three hundred pounds or over; or

(ii) Accommodate a seat width over twenty-two inches wide.

(f) A rigid wheelchair for a client:

(i) With a medical condition that involves severe upper extremity weakness;

(ii) Who has a high level of activity; and

(iii) Who is unable to self-propel any of the above categories of wheelchair.

(g) A custom manufactured wheelchair for a client with a medical condition requiring wheelchair customization that cannot be obtained on any of the categories of wheelchairs listed in this section.

(h) Pediatric wheelchairs/positioning strollers having a narrower seat and shorter depths more suited to pediatric patients, usually adaptable to modifications for a growing child.

(2) The agency pays for both a manual wheelchair and a power-drive wheelchair only for noninstitutionalized clients in limited circumstances. See WAC 182-543-4200(5).

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