Wheelchair Seating Support Documentation

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Documentation Requirements

Medicare/Commercial/Tricare

- Wheelchair Prescription
- Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medicaid

- Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity (Requires Service Authorization prior to dispensing)
- Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medical Record Requirements

- Face-to-face visit with treating practitioner documenting patient's condition that requires the seating.
    - For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
- Patient must qualify for the wheelchair that the seating is to be used on.
- Medical record must support:
    - Skin Protectant Cushion (one of the following):
        - Current pressure ulcer or past history of pressure ulcers on the area that comes into contact with the seating.
        - Absent or impaired sensation in the area of the body that comes into contact with the seating.
        - Inability to carry out a functional weight shift.
    - Positioning Cushion
        - Patient has any significant postural asymmetries.
    - Skin Protectant Positioning Cushion
        - Must meet both skin protectant criteria AND positioning criteria listed above.