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### Wheelchair Armrest (E0973)

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- **Wheelchair Armrest (E0973)**

MO HealthNet currently reimburses procedure codes E0973 and E0973SC (Wheelchair accessory, adjustable height, detachable armrest, complete assembly) as a pair billed with a quantity of one (1). Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2012, procedure codes E0973 and E0973SC should be billed with a quantity based on the number of individual armrests provided. If 1 armrest is provided a quantity of 1 should be billed; if a pair/2 armrests are provided, a quantity of 2 may be billed. To maintain budget neutrality, the maximum allowable for procedure code E0973 and E0973SC will be adjusted to allow \$81.50 per armrest effective November 1, 2012.

Regardless of the claim submission date, dates of service prior to November 1, 2012 for procedure codes E0973 and E0973SC must continue to be billed with a quantity of 1 for a pair of armrests.

Please note, prior authorization requests for procedure code E0973SC submitted on or after November 1, 2012 must reflect the quantity of individual armrests to be dispensed in order for the correct quantity to be reimbursed when a claim is submitted.

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- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

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573-751-2896