Push Rim Activated Power Assist Wheels (E0986)

Effective Date: April 1, 2020

Applies to: Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers

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Rent to Purchase

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will reimburse push rim power assist wheels (procedure code E0986RR) as a rent to purchase item only. This will take effect April 1, 2020. The monthly rental fee is $417.61 per month for 12 months, until reaching the purchase price of $5,011.26.

Power assist wheels will not be covered for participants residing in nursing facilities.

If the participant’s condition changes, is in need of a power wheelchair, and the purchase price has not been met, the push rim power assist wheels must be returned to the provider.

Qualifying Criteria

Effective February 17, 2020, the following criteria must be met to obtain power assist wheels for a manual wheelchair:

- The participant’s mobility limitation cannot be sufficiently and resolved by the use of an appropriately fitted cane or walker.

- The participant has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility related activities of daily living (MRADL’s).
• The participant has been self-propelling in a manual wheelchair for at least 1 year.

• The participant no longer has sufficient upper extremity function to self-propel an optimally configured manual wheelchair for functional mobility.

• The participant must have a specialty evaluation performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as PT or OT; or a practitioner who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations. The PT/OT or practitioner may have no financial relationship with the supplier.

• A RESNA certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP), employed by the DME provider must have direct, in person, involvement in the wheelchair selection for the beneficiary.

• Documentation must include, in detail, the need for the device for functional mobility.

**Applicability**

Managed Care enrolled providers should contact their Managed Care Organization for questions regarding push rim wheels.

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• MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
• MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient’s MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient’s eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**
573-751-2896