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QUALIFICATIONS FOR POWER WHEELCHAIRS

The following criteria is required in order for your patient _____ to qualify for a Power Wheelchair by his/her insurance company.

- 1) Complete a Face-to-Face "Medical" examination on mobility issues. The chart notes need to provide information relating to the following questions:
 - Patient's mobility limitations and how does it interfere with the performance of one or more of their activities daily living (ADLs) including toileting, dressing, grooming, cooking, eating, bathing, etc. A mobility limitation is one that prevents the patient from accomplishing the ADL entirely, safely, or within a reasonable time frame.
 - Why a cane or walker will not meet patient's mobility needs in the home
 - Why a manual wheelchair will not meet patient's mobility needs in the home
 - Why a scooter will not meet patient's mobility needs in the home
 - Does the patient have the physical and mental abilities to operate a power wheelchair safely in the home

Also include in your examination:

- Symptoms
 - Related Diagnoses
 - History
 - Physical Examination that includes patient's height & weight, limitation of upper and lower extremity strength, endurance, range of motion, coordination, and presence of pain.
 - Functional Assessment
- 2) Complete 7 element order provided or a written prescription with the following seven items:
 - Patient's name
 - Product description
 - Date of the face to face medical exam on mobility issues (Note: Script must include the wording "Date of exam" with the date of the face to face exam.
 - Pertinent diagnosis/condition that relates to the need for the wheelchair
 - Length of need (Lifetime = 99 months)
 - Physician signature
 - Date of physician's signature

After receipt of the above documentation, Binson's will assess the patient for the equipment ordered and then send a Physician Signature Attestation Form and Product Description Form for signature and date. **Paperwork must be returned to Binson's within 45 days after the Face-to-Face Evaluation.** Documents including the Texas or Florida Academy of Family Physicians forms are insufficient to meet guidelines.

NOTE: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recognizes the increased documentation burden for Power Mobility Devices (Power Wheelchairs). Therefore, code G0372 has been established to recognize the additional physician services and resources required to establish and document the need for the Power Wheelchair. Additional information can be obtained through the CMS website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Rehab Department at 1-888-BINSONS.