CMS CODING PROPOSAL FOR POWER WHEELCHAIR BASES

Evolving wheelchair technology, coding changes, growing numbers of options and accessories devices for wheelchairs, beneficiary expectations, and policy limitations have resulted in significant confusion and fraud and abuse in power wheelchair billing. CMS reviewed the feasibility of revising codes for power wheelchairs to more accurately reflect the actual need for and use of power wheelchairs. All the following discussions and codes are based on the expectation that a detailed face-to-face pre-delivery evaluation of the patient by a physician as recently required by CMS will occur.

The SADMERC conducted a survey of one full year of national power wheelchair data. The data showed more than 265,000 beneficiaries received power wheelchairs with at least one accessory. The maximum number of accessories added to a single wheelchair during that time frame was 21. There were almost 20,000 unique code combinations of power wheelchair base and accessories.

Closer review however, revealed that some categories of addition codes occurred more frequently than others. Some were essentially billed on every wheelchair. These categories were broadly classified into safety equipment (straps, holders/straps for limbs and feet, anti-tippers, anti-roll back devices, etc.), operational equipment (batteries), limb adjustment equipment (adjustable or elevating armrest and legrest devices), and seat and back cushions.

Grouping the combinations of codes found in the majority of claims resulted in 3 base wheelchair groups. Each broad classification group has sub-groupings for body habitus and chair functionality characteristics. These code groups cover approximately 95% of the typical code combinations billed with what were previously the K0010, K0011, K0012, and K0014 power bases. Items that do not require medical necessity review for coverage, and that exceed 70 % of all claims are included in a Basic Equipment Package. The Basic Equipment Package is required to be on every chair on initial issue and will be included in the pricing.

Most wheelchairs billed during the survey period had at least the main tires equipped with some form of flat-free device. This practice apparently represents the current state of manufacture and standard of care in practice. The base codes assume that all power chairs will include a complete set of tires. At a minimum, for the suggested codes, the drive tires are assumed to be flat free at initial issue. If tires are billed separately at the time of initial issue, they will be denied as not medically necessary. Upgrades to tires at the time of initial issue will be denied as not medically necessary. If tire upgrades are added at initial issue, an ABN should be obtained from the beneficiary.

K0010, K0011, K0012, and K0014 bases were combined and the individual products split into three basic categories with multiple sub groups. K0010 was dropped as a

category because of low volume of use. These groupings, with their associated subgroupings, reflect the various ranges of options through all power wheelchairs, with the exception of the truly customized power base (such as a one-off item for Siamese Twins).

The groupings are Standard, Heavy Duty, and Bariatric. These groupings are divided on the basis of the patient weight capacity and subdivided based on their ability to accept various options and accessories. "Standard" refers to chairs for patients up to and including 300 pounds (with the exception of the "Portable-Lightweight" subgroup which is limited to 250 pounds). "Heavy Duty" chairs are for patients with weight of 301 to 450 pounds. "Bariatric" chairs are for patients with weights 451 to 600 pounds. All the chairs described are frame type, motorized/power wheelchairs.

The "Standard" group is further broken out into Portable Lightweight, Standard, Standard-Wide, Standard-Rehab, Standard-Wide-Rehab and Standard-Rehab-High Activity. The sub-groupings are described below.

The "Portable-Lightweight" chair is for lighter weight patients with a stable condition that renders them non-ambulatory. Portable Lightweight (formerly K0012) power wheelchairs are typically used by individuals with reasonably good trunk and upper body control. Most use will occur on smooth indoor surfaces and flat outdoor surfaces. These devices are designed for easy breakdown or folding to fit into vehicles for transport between locations of use. Therefore, it is expected that the user will be relatively active inside and outside the home. These chairs represent the transition zone between the POVs and the K0011 series.

"Portable-Lightweight" chairs accommodate standard proportional joysticks, standard programmable electronics, non-expandable controllers, and non-powered seating systems, including cushions, positioning features such as wedges, pommels, thigh and back supports, and manually operated reclining backs and legrests. Power options are not included for this array of chairs because placement of power or advanced seating systems on this lightweight frame renders its portability null, exceeds the weight limitation for this code, and decreases the life expectancy of the frame.

"Wide" chairs are not included in the array for the lightweight chairs, as the majority of patients using this category of chair are not expected to be the larger body habitus. In fact, the upper limit of weight capacity for these chairs is 250 pounds and the typical chair will accommodate the body shapes usually represented within that weight group.

"Rehab" chairs are not in this array either, because these patients do not typically require the accessories typically associated with rehab patients. Also, as mentioned above, addition of power or advanced seating and positioning systems destroys the reason for the creation of this type chair, namely portability. The "Standard" chair is for the average weight (up to and including 300 pounds) patient with a stable condition that renders them non-ambulatory. It accommodates standard proportional joysticks, standard programmable electronics, non-expandable controllers, and non-powered seating systems, including cushions, positioning features such as wedges, pommels, thigh and back supports, and manually operated reclining backs and legrests. Power options and accessories are not associated with these chairs as their adaptability for progressive disease or severe disability is limited.

The "Wide" chair characteristics are identical to the "Standard". However, this designation takes into consideration body shapes that fit within the 300-pound range but may be significantly wider than could fit in a standard width chair.

The "Rehab" designation reflects chairs with maximal adaptability for positioning, body and/or disability accommodation, and power options and accessories. It is also available in "Wide" configuration. The "Rehab" chairs have the capability of using alternative control devices, special electronics and expandable controllers for the severely involved or progressive disease patient. This chair is for patients with stable or unstable conditions that render them non-ambulatory and incapable of independent weight shifting, trunk or limb control, anatomically correct seating posture, and/or whose muscle tone or control, mental capacity, or other factors require greater ADL support from the chair than the typical patient. Chairs coded in this sub-grouping must have the ability to accommodate all modalities of seating and positioning, including power and manually operated systems. Chairs that accommodate some, but not all system modalities will be coded in the standard category.

The "Rehab-High Activity" sub-group is designed for the very active patient whose Activities of Daily Living (ADL) environment require hill climbing, rough terrain, greater speed, or long distance capability. For chairs to be coded in this sub-grouping, they must have all the features of a rehab chair, plus the greater functionality of range, terrain handling, and speed defined for the high activity chair. Patients that qualify for this type of chair would have conditions that require the "Rehab" type chair and whose ADL environment **requires** hill climbing, rough terrain, greater speed, or long distance capability.

The next two groups reflect increasing industry requests for codes for higher weight patients. These codes represent the majority of what was K0014 since most of those chairs were adapted to accommodate higher weight patients. Chairs coded to these groups and sub-groups are expected to have manufacturing techniques and materials selected to accommodate larger size patients. Upgrades for upholstery, brackets, motors, gearboxes, etc., billed at initial issue will be denied as not medically necessary.

The "Heavy Duty" chair is for the over 300 to 450 pound patient with a stable condition that renders them non-ambulatory. It accommodates standard proportional joysticks, standard programmable electronics, non-expandable controllers, and non-powered seating systems, including cushions, positioning features such as wedges, pommels, thigh and back supports, and manually operated reclining backs and legrests. Power options

and accessories are not to be used on these chairs as their adaptability for progressive disease or severe disability is limited.

The "Heavy Duty-Wide" chair is for the over 300 to 450 pound patient with a stable condition that renders them non-ambulatory. It incorporates wider seats to accommodate body shapes that will not fit into standard seat sizes. It accommodates standard proportional joysticks, standard programmable electronics, non-expandable controllers, and non-powered seating systems, including cushions, positioning features such as wedges, pommels, thigh and back supports, and manually operated reclining backs and legrests. Power options and accessories are not associated with these chairs as their adaptability for progressive disease or severe disability is limited.

"Heavy Duty-Rehab" bases are chairs with maximal adaptability for positioning, body and/or disability accommodation, and power options and accessories. This chair is for patients with stable or unstable conditions that render them non-ambulatory and incapable of independent weight shifting, trunk or limb control, anatomically correct seating posture, and/or whose muscle tone or control, mental capacity, or other factors require greater ADL support from the chair than the typical patient. Chairs coded in this sub-grouping must have the ability to accommodate all modalities of seating and positioning, including power and manually operated systems. Chairs that accommodate some, but not all system modalities will be coded in the "Heavy Duty" category.

"Heavy Duty-Rehab-High Activity bases are designed for the very active patient whose weight is between 351 and 450 pounds and who qualifies for the Rehab type chairs and whose ADL environment **requires** hill climbing, rough terrain, greater speed, or long distance capability. For chairs to be coded in this sub-grouping, they must have all the features of a rehab chair, plus the greater functionality of range, terrain handling, and speed defined for the high activity chair. Patients that qualify for this type of chair would have conditions that require the "Heavy Duty-Rehab" type chair and whose ADL environment **requires** hill climbing, rough terrain, greater speed, or long distance capability.

"Bariatric Chairs" begin at patient weight capacity 451 pounds and go up to and including 600 pounds. These codes represent a significant portion of what was K0014 since most of those chairs were adapted to accommodate higher weight patients. Chairs coded to this sub-group are expected to have manufacturing techniques and materials selected to accommodate larger size patients. Upgrades for upholstery, brackets, motors, gearboxes, etc., billed at initial issue will be denied as not medically necessary. All the "Bariatric" chairs are coded as beginning at the "Wide" level to accommodate the body habitus of these larger patients.

The "Bariatric" chair is for the 451 to 600 pound patient with a stable condition that renders them non-ambulatory. It accommodates standard proportional joysticks, standard programmable electronics, non-expandable controllers, and non-powered seating systems, including cushions, positioning features such as wedges, pommels, thigh and back supports, and manually operated reclining backs and legrests. Power options and

accessories are not to be used on these chairs as their adaptability for progressive disease or severe disability is limited.

The "Bariatric-Rehab" base code represents those chairs with maximal adaptability for positioning, body and/or disability accommodation, and power options and accessories. This chair is for patients with stable or unstable conditions that render them non-ambulatory and incapable of independent weight shifting, trunk or limb control, anatomically correct seating posture, and/or whose muscle tone or control, mental capacity, or other factors require greater ADL support from the chair than the typical patient. Chairs coded in this sub-grouping must have the ability to accommodate all modalities of seating and positioning, including power and manually operated systems. Chairs that accommodate some, but not all system modalities will be coded in the "Bariatric" category.

All chairs will be required to undergo testing to meet minimum standards for qualification for the codes. The standards are taken from the ANSI/RESNA standards for American markets for power wheelchairs. The required tests are listed below with examples of minimum requirements.

Maximum Speed	6 MPH
Minimum Range	8 miles
Minimum Obstacle Climb (mm)	20
Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)	6+
Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum	200,000
Drop Test (cycles) minimum	6,666

All wheelchairs will be required to submit results of testing to the SADMERC for coding verification before billing to Medicare. Speed, Range, Obstacle Climb, Rated Incline tests are to be determined according to the ANSI/RESNA guidelines.

The Two Drum Fatigue Test and the Drop Test cycles are to be conducted with loading at the manufacturer's suggested maximum weight capacity of the chair for the "Standard" grouping. For the "Heavy Duty" chairs, testing may be done either at maximum loading for the minimum number of cycles, or at standard weight loading for the minimum number of cycles plus 30% (260,000 cycles and 8,665 cycles respectively). For the "Bariatric" chairs, the testing may be done at maximum weight loading for the minimum number of cycles, or at standard weight loading for the minimum number of cycles plus 50% (300,000 cycles and 9,999 cycles respectively).

ADULT POWER WHEELCHAIR CODES-PROPOSED CODE REVISIONS

- **EXXX1-Portable-Lightweight, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back** (patient weight capacity up to and including 250 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXXX2-Portable-Lightweight, Captain's Chair** (patient weight capacity up to and including 250 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair includes:
- **EXXX3-Standard, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back** (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXXX4 Standard, Captain's Chair** (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXXX5-Standard-Wide, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back** (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXXX6 Standard**-**Wide**, **Captain's Chair** (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXXX7 –Standard-Rehab,** (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXXX8-Standard-Wide-Rehab,** (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXXX9- Standard-Rehab-High Activity,** (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXX10-Heavy Duty, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back** (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) weight frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXX11-Heavy Duty, Captain's Chair** (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) weight frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXX12-Heavy Duty-Wide, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back** (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) weight frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXX13-Heavy Duty-Rehab,** (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair
- **EXX14-Heavy Duty-Rehab-High Activity,** (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

EXX15-Bariatric, Sling/solid seat and solid/sling back (patient weight capacity greater Than 450 pounds up to and including 600 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

EXX16-Bariatric, Captain's Chair (patient weight capacity equal to or greater than 450 pounds up to and including 600 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

EXX17- Power Wheelchair, Bariatric, Rehab (patient weight capacity equal to or greater than 450 pounds up to and including 600 pounds)

EXX18-Power Wheelchair, Not Otherwise Classified

Definitions:

Basic Equipment Package (BEP):

Each power wheelchair code is required to include all these items as part of the Basic Equipment Package:

2 batteries (sealed types only) (E2361, E2363, E2365)

Battery charger single mode (E2366)

Anti-roll back brakes (E0974) (automatic parking brake)

Anti-tippers (front and/or rear) (E0971)

Puncture-proof tires (foam tires or flat-free inserts-at least in main drive wheels) (K0064, K0093, K0097)

Non-elevating legrests with or without calf pad (K0049, K0051, K0052)

Fixed or swingaway detachable footrests with or without angle adjustment footplates/platform (K0040, K0041, K0042, K0045) Fixed or swingaway detachable non-adjustable armrests including Arm pad (K0015, K0019)

Safety Belt or strap (K0031)

Programmable Controls with the following parameters:

Speed adjustment-forward, reverse and turning

Tremor dampening

Acceleration, deceleration

Braking control

External speed selector switch

Adult Power Wheelchairs: Three base groups:

Standard--6 sub-groups, 9 codes:

Heavy Duty-3 sub-groups, 5 codes:

Bariatric--2 sub-groups, 3 codes:

STANDARD POWER WHEELCHAIR BASE GROUP

Weight-based upgrades are not allowed on these chairs. Use the wheelchair codes appropriate for the individual patient's actual weight.

EXXX1-Portable-Lightweight, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back (patient weight capacity up to and including 250 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

EXXX2-Portable-Lightweight, Captain's Chair (patient weight capacity up to and including 250 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Chair weight less than 80 pounds without battery and front riggings Chair has folding back or collapsible frame, or disassemble seat from base Frame, seat, riggings, and batteries disassemble without tools

Seat Width: 15-22 inches Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed4 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum200,000Drop Test (cycles) minimum6,666

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and basic electronic controls and may accommodate manually operated accessories such as manual recline-only backs, and manually elevating legrests. They may accommodate non-powered specialty seating and backs, positioning features, such as lateral and medial supports, pommels, headrests, etc. They will not have power options and accessories, or advanced electronics. They are easily disassembled or collapsed for transport in a vehicle.

EXXX3-Standard, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

EXXX4 – Standard, Captain's Chair (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat Width: 15-22 inches Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed6 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+

Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum 200,000 Drop Test (cycles) minimum 6,666

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and basic electronic controls and may accommodate manually operated accessories such as recline-only backs, and manually elevating legrests. They may accommodate non-powered specialty seating and backs, positioning features, such as lateral and medial supports, pommels, headrests, etc. They will not have power options and accessories, or advanced electronics.

EXXX5-Standard-Wide, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

EXXX6 – Standard-Wide, Captain's Chair (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat Width: greater than 22 inches

Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed6 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum200,000Drop Test (cycles) minimum6,666

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and basic electronic controls and may accommodate manually operated accessories such as recline-only backs, and manually elevating legrests. They may accommodate non-powered specialty seating and backs, positioning features, such as lateral and medial supports, pommels, headrests, etc. They will not have power options and accessories.

EXXX7 –Standard-Rehab, (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat Width: 15-22 inches Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed6 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum200,000Drop Test (cycles) minimum6,666

Drive wheel suspension to reduce vibration

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and accommodate all modalities of power seat or back systems, positioning and advanced electronic controls, manual or power elevating legrests, and any seat or back cushions.

EXXX8-Standard-Wide-Rehab, (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat Width: greater than 22 inches

Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed6 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum200,000Drop Test (cycles) minimum6,666

Drive wheel suspension to reduce vibration

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and accommodate all modalities of power seat or back systems, positioning and advanced electronic controls, manual or power elevating legrests, and any seat or back cushions.

EXXX9- Standard-Rehab-High Activity, (patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat width: Any width
Seat Depth: Any depth
Seat Height: Any height
Back Height: Any height

To be classified as a high activity chair, the base must have all of the following characteristics:

Accommodate all power accessories

Accommodate full range of positioning components

Accommodate non-joystick controls

Maximum speed > 7 MPH Minimum range >20 miles

Minimum obstacle climb > 60 mm

Maximum rated incline ≥ 9 degrees

Minimum two drum fatigue test 260,000 cycles

Minimum drop test of 8,000 cycles

Drive wheel suspension to reduce vibration

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and accommodate any seat or back system, positioning and electronic controls, manual or power elevating legrests, and any seat or back cushions. They are for patients who require rehab equipment and greater chair functionality than the average patient.

HEAVY DUTY POWER WHEELCHAIR BASE GROUP

Weight-based upgrades are not allowed on these chairs. Use the wheelchair codes appropriate for the individual patient's actual weight.

EXX10-Heavy Duty, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) weight frame motorized /power wheelchair

EXX11-Heavy Duty, Captain's Chair (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) weight frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat width: 15 to 22 inches Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed6 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum200,000Drop Test (cycles) minimum6,666

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and basic electronic controls and may accommodate manually operated accessories such as recline-only backs, and manually elevating legrests. They may accommodate non-powered specialty seating and backs, positioning features, such as lateral and medial supports, pommels, headrests, etc. They will not have power options and accessories, or advanced electronics.

EXX12-Heavy Duty-Wide, Sling/solid seat and sling/solid back (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) weight frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat width: greater than 22 inches

Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed6 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+

Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum 200,000 Drop Test (cycles) minimum 6,666

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and basic electronic controls and may accommodate manually operated accessories such as recline-only backs, and manually elevating legrests. They may accommodate non-powered specialty seating and backs, positioning features, such as lateral and medial supports, pommels, headrests, etc. They will not have power options and accessories, or advanced electronics.

EXX13-Heavy Duty-Rehab, (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat width: Any width
Seat Depth: Any depth
Seat Height: Any height
Back Height: Any height

Minimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum200,000Drop Test (cycles) minimum6,666

Drive wheel suspension to reduce vibration

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and accommodate all modalities of power seat or back systems, positioning and advanced electronic controls, power elevating legrests, and any seat or back cushions.

EXX14-Heavy Duty-Rehab-High Activity, (patient weight capacity greater than 300 pounds up to and including 450 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat width: Any width
Seat Depth: Any depth
Seat Height: Any height
Back Height: Any height

To be classified as a high activity chair, the base must have all of the following characteristics:

Accommodate all power accessories

Accommodate full range of positioning components

Accommodate non-joystick controls

Maximum speed > 7 MPH Minimum range > 20 miles

Minimum obstacle climb > 60 mm

Maximum rated incline ≥ 9 degrees

Minimum two drum fatigue test 260,000 cycles

Minimum drop test of 8,000 cycles

Drive wheel suspension to reduce vibration

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and any seat or back system, positioning and electronic controls, power elevating legrests, and any of the seat or back cushions. They are for patients who require rehab equipment and greater chair functionality than the average patient.

BARIATRIC POWER WHEELCHAIR BASE GROUP

Weight-based upgrades are not allowed on these chairs. Use the wheelchair codes appropriate for the individual patient's actual weight.

EXX15-Bariatric, Sling/solid seat and solid/sling back (patient weight capacity greater than 450 pounds up to and including 600 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

EXX16-Bariatric, Captain's Chair (patient weight capacity equal to or greater than 450 pounds up to and including 600 pounds) frame motorized/power wheelchair

Seat width: greater than 22 inches

Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed4 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum200,000Drop Test (cycles) minimum6,666

These chairs will have all Basic Equipment items and may accommodate manually operated accessories such as recline-only backs, and manually elevating legrests. They may accommodate non-powered specialty seating and backs, positioning features, such as lateral and medial supports, pommels, headrests, etc. They will not have power options and accessories, or advanced electronics.

EXX17- Power Wheelchair, Bariatric, Rehab (patient weight capacity equal to or greater than 450 pounds up to and including 600 pounds)

Seat width: greater than 22 inches

Seat Depth: Any depth Seat Height: Any height Back Height: Any height

Maximum Speed4 MPHMinimum Range8 milesMinimum Obstacle Climb (mm)20Maximum Rated Incline (degrees)6+

Two Drum Fatigue Test (cycles) minimum
Drop Test (cycles) minimum
6,666
Drive wheel suspension to reduce vibration

These chairs have all Basic Equipment items and accommodate all modalities of power seat or back systems, positioning and advanced electronic controls, power elevating legrests, and any seat or back cushions.

EXX18-Power Wheelchair, Not Otherwise Classified (Use this code for the truly customized power chair.)

To qualify for this code, the chair must require one-off frame manufacture or extensive frame modification requiring cutting, welding, and other modification of the frame and seat area. Adding options and accessories including custom seats and/or backs, or positioning features to a prefabricated frame will not qualify for this code. All labor, materials, equipment, and features must be included in the single price billed. Additional documentation will be required.