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## *New "K" Codes for Wheelchair Cushions*

### Providers Affected

Durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers and Home Health Agencies.

### Provider Action Needed



#### **STOP – Impact to You**

Medicare may not reimburse you correctly for ordering or supplying wheelchair cushions for your Medicare patients if you don't use the correct codes on your claim.

#### **CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has established twenty new "K" codes for wheelchair cushions.

#### **GO – What You Need to Do**

You need to make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these new "K" codes for wheelchair cushions provided on or after July 1, 2004.

### Background

Effective July 1, 2004 CMS will establish twenty new "K" codes that address the ordering/supplying of wheelchair cushions for Medicare patients. The following table contains the new codes:

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Code #	Description	Short Descriptor
K0650	General use wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Gen w/c cushion width < 22"
K0651	General use wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Gen w/c cushion width > 22"
K0652	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width < 22"
K0653	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width > 22"
K0654	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Position w/c cushion width < 22"
K0655	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Position w/c cushion width > 22"
K0656	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width < 22"
K0657	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Skin protect w/c cushion width > 22"
K0658	Custom fabricated wheelchair seat cushion, any size	Custom fabricated w/c cushion
K0659	Wheelchair seat cushion powered	Powered w/c cushion
K0660	General use wheelchair back cushion, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Gen use back cushion width < 22"
K0661	General use wheelchair back cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Gen use back cushion width > 22"
K0662	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back cushion width < 22"
K0663	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back cushion width > 22"
K0664	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior-lateral, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back post/lat width < 22"
K0665	Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior-lateral width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware	Position back post/lat width > 22"
K0666	Custom fabricated wheelchair back cushion, any size, including any type mounting hardware	Custom fab w/c back cushion
K0667	Mounting hardware, any type, for seat cushion or seat support base attached to a manual wheelchair or lightweight power wheelchair, per cushion/base	Mount hardware man or light power w/c
K0668	Replacement cover for wheelchair seat cushion or back cushion, each	Replacement cover w/c seat cush
K0669	Wheelchair seat or back cushion, no written coding verification from SADMERC	W/c seat/back no CVR SADMERC

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### Important Dates

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 6, 2004

### Additional Information

Should you have any questions concerning these codes, you may contact your Medicare DME carrier or Regional Home Health Intermediary at their toll-free number. If you do not have the number, you may obtain it at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp>

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