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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Codes E0176, E0177, E0178, E0179, E0192, E0962, E0963, E0964, E0965, E1012, E1013, K0023, K0024 and K0114 will be invalid for submission to Medicare on or after July 1, 2004. A 90-day (September 30, 2004) grace period shall be allowed for these codes.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 6, 2004**

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

*III. FUNDING:

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
X	Recurring Update Notification

*Medicare contractors only

Recurring Update Notification

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SUBJECT: Clarification to CR 3069 - New “K” Codes for Wheelchair Cushions

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Twenty new “K” codes have been established for wheelchair cushions.

B. Policy: Effective July 1, 2004, the following codes will be added to the system:

- K0650 General use wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
Short Descriptor: Gen w/c cushion width < 22”
- K0651 General use wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
Short Descriptor: Gen w/c cushion width > 22”
- K0652 Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
Short Descriptor: Skin protect w/c cush width < 22”
- K0653 Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
Short Descriptor: Skin protect w/c cush width > 22”
- K0654 Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
Short Descriptor: Position w/c cush width < 22”
- K0655 Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
Short Descriptor: Position w/c cush width > 22”
- K0656 Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth
Short Descriptor: Skin protect w/c cush width < 22”
- K0657 Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth
Short Descriptor: Skin protect w/c cush width > 22”
- K0658 Custom fabricated wheelchair seat cushion, any size
Short Descriptor: Custom fabricated w/c cushion
- K0659 Wheelchair seat cushion powered
Short Descriptor: Powered w/c cushion
- K0660 General use wheelchair back cushion, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware
Short Descriptor: Gen use back cushion width < 22”
- K0661 General use wheelchair back cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware
Short Descriptor: Gen use back cushion width > 22”
- K0662 Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware
Short Descriptor: Position back cushion width < 22”
- K0663 Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior, width 22 inches or greater, any height, including any type mounting hardware
Short Descriptor: Position back cushion width > 22”

- K0664 Positioning wheelchair back cushion, posterior-lateral, width less than 22 inches, any height, including any type mounting hardware
Short Descriptor: 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
Short Descriptor: Position back post/lat width > 22”
- K0666 Custom fabricated wheelchair back cushion, any size, including any type mounting hardware
Short Descriptor: 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
Short Descriptor: Mount hardware man or light power w/c
- K0668 Replacement cover for wheelchair seat cushion or back cushion, each
Short Descriptor: Replacement cover w/c seat cush
- K0669 Wheelchair seat or back cushion, no written coding verification from SADMERC
Short Descriptor: W/c seat/back no CVR SADMERC

C. Provider Education: DMERCs shall inform affected providers by posting either a summary or relevant portions of this document on their Web site within 4 weeks. Also, DMERCs shall publish this same information in their next regularly scheduled bulletin. If they have a listserv that targets affected providers, they shall use it to notify subscribers that information about temporary HCPCS is available on their Web site.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement
“Should” denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3289.1	Codes E0176, E0177, E0178, E0179, E0192, E0962, E0963, E0964, E0965, E1012, E1013, K0023, K0024 and K0114 will be invalid for submission to Medicare for dates of service on or after July 1, 2004. A 90-day grace period shall be allowed for these codes. (CWF shall make the termination date September 30, 2004.)	CWF, DMERCs, VMS

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date: July 1, 2004</p> <p>Implementation Date: July 6, 2004</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office</p>	<p>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.</p>
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