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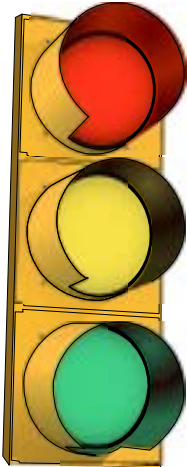
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Clarification to CR 3069 – New “K” Codes for Wheelchair Cushions

Provider Types 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

As previously published in CR 3069, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has established twenty new “K” codes for wheelchair cushions. Further, these new codes will be replacing 11 “E” codes and 3 “K” codes that CMS is discontinuing on July 1, 2004. You will be granted a 90-day grace period (from July 1, 2004 to September 30, 2004) to begin using the correct codes.

GO – What You Need to Do

Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these new and discontinued codes for wheelchair cushions you provide on or after July 1, 2004.

Background

This Change Request updates a previous one (CR 3069) that addressed codes for ordering or supplying wheelchair cushions. CMS has established twenty new “K” codes for wheelchair cushions.

Effective July 1, 2004, the codes shown in Table 1 will be added to the system.

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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 cush width < 22"
K0653	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Skin protect w/c cush width > 22"
K0654	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Position w/c cush width < 22"
K0655	Positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Position w/c cush width > 22"
K0656	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Skin protect w/c cush width < 22"
K0657	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Skin protect w/c cush 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

Table 1: New "K" Codes for Wheelchair Cushions

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Additionally, Codes E0176, E0177, E0178, E0179, E0192, E0962, E0963, E0964, E0965, E1012, E1013, K0023, K0024 and K0114 are being eliminated and will be invalid for submission to Medicare on or after July 1, 2004.

You will be granted a 90-day grace period (from July 1, 2004 to September 30, 2004) to begin using the correct codes.

Additional Information

You can read this Change Request on the CMS Website at this address:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp

Once at that site, look for CR3289 in the right hand column, CR NUM, and click on the files for that CR.

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