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Dear Provider,

Freedoms Designs and Invacare are excited to announce the next generation of adult and pediatric manual tilt in space wheelchairs, the P.R.O. CG, Precise Rotational Orientation Center of Gravity wheelchair.

The P.R.O. CG is currently reimbursable under HCPCS codes E1161 for the adult version and E1233 for the rigid pediatric version. There is often times confusion about proper coding of new products and whether or not the product can be reimbursed without going through the code verification review (CVR) process with Medicare's Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) contractor first. There are a couple ways to confirm whether this is a requirement or not. First, you can review Medicare's Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and Policy Article (PA) for the product. If PDAC CVR is required it will state within the policies that the product is not reimbursable unless it has been reviewed by PDAC and found to meet the definition of a specific HCPCS Code. Second, the PDAC provides a list of HCPCS codes which are required to go through the PDAC CVR process on its website. You can find the list by following this link: https://www.dmepdac.com/resources/articles/2012/07_02_12.html.

Medicare's manual wheelchair LCD and PA policies do not state a CVR is required for new manual wheelchair products to be reimbursed and the HCPCS codes for the P.R.O. CG are also not included on PDAC's list of codes that require code verification review. So there is no need to hold your orders while waiting for the P.R.O. CG wheelchairs to show up on the PDAC website, they are available for reimbursement today!

In scenarios where code verification is not required, Freedom Designs and Invacare often submit for a CVR anyway to document and confirm the HCPCS codes we suggest to our customers. Additionally, insurance companies who don't follow Medicare guidelines, will refer to the PDAC website for proper coding of products and having our products listed, although unnecessarily, aids in a smooth reimbursement process in those situations. The P.R.O. CG has been submitted to PDAC for code verification review and should be listed on their website by early 2016.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding reimbursement of the new P.R.O. CG wheelchairs please contact Jim Stephenson at jstephenson@invacare.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Stephenson, CMC".

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