

Seat LiftChair Medicare/Medicaid and Insurance Guideline Information

MEDICARE:

A seat lift mechanism E0627 is covered IF ALL the following criteria are met:

- 1) The patient must have severe arthritis of the hip or knee or have a severe neuromuscular disease.
- 2) The seat mechanism must be a part of the physician’s course of treatment and be prescribed to effect improvement, arrest or retard deterioration in the patient’s condition.
- 3) The patient must be completely incapable of standing up from ANY chair in their home. (The fact that a patient has difficulty or is even incapable of getting up from a chair is not sufficient justification for a seat lift mechanism)
- 4) Once the patient is standing, they must have the ability to ambulate.
- 5) Dr. must indicate that all appropriate therapeutic modalities to enable the patient to transfer from a chair to a standing position (e.g., medication, physical therapy) have been tried and failed. This information must be documented in the patient’s medical records.

The physician ordering the seat lift mechanism must be the treating physician or consulting physician for the condition or disease resulting in the need for the seat lift mechanism.

Medicare will allow for the seat lift mechanism.....E0627 \$354.19

THC will take the seat lift mechanism on assignment (80% of \$354.19). The remaining cost of the Liftchair is paid for by the patient. If the patient has a supplemental insurance they may reimburse the remaining 20% of the allowable to the patient.

Most Medicare replacement policies have a patient copay towards the Medicare allowable. The payment made to the patient will reflect what their policy pays based on the Medicare allowable.

MEDICAID:

We do not accept Medicaid assignment on seat lift mechanisms. There are many social service organizations which are available in the assisting of this purchase.

PRIVATE INSURANCE:

We do provide insurance verification before setup. Insurance verification is never guarantee of payment to THC. Every individual has different coverage depending on his/her insurance plan We do our best to inform you about what we are able to find out, but it is your responsibility to know and understand your policy provisions as you are financially responsible to THC.

In order to bill your insurance we must first have a prescription and your insurance information.