

Seating & Mobility Evaluation: Seating & Positioning Decision Tree

Does the client have (existing) or need (new) a manual wheelchair or a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back and did (existing) or do (new) they meet Medicare coverage criteria? NO YES They do not qualify for seating Continue below to determine and positioning products. coverage criteria. Does the client have a need Does the client need more for both skin protection and support or positioning than Does the client have any Does the client have either positioning? an off-the-shelf product can significant postural of the following (A or B): provide? asymmetries. A. Current pressure ulcer or past history of a pressure Does the client meet all The client must meet the ulcer on the area of contact coverage criteria for a criteria for both a skin with the seating surface: prefabricated skin protection protection seat cushion and a cushion OR positioning seat positioning seat cushion. OR cushion and/or meet all criteria for a prefab positioning back cushion? B. Absent or impaired sensation in the area of contact with the seating Is there a comprehensive surface or inability to carry written eval by a LCMP, which out a functional weight shift. clearly explains why prefabricated seating system is not sufficient to meet the beneficiary's seating and positioning needs and the LCMP has no financial relationship with the Supplier? **Positioning Seat Cushion Combination Skin Custom Fabricated Back** Skin Protection Cushion (E2605, E2606) or **Protection and Positioning** (E2617) or Custom (E2603, E2604, E2622, **Positioning Back Cushion** and Adjustable Skin **Fabricated Seat Cushion** E2623) (E2613-E2616, E2620, **Protection and Positioning** (E2609) E2621) and Positioning (E2607, E2608, E2624, Accessories (E0953, E0955, E2625) E0956, E0957, E0960)

**This resource reflects the latest CMS Wheelchair Seating LCD updates effective 10/01/2025. The prior requirement for a qualifying diagnosis code has been removed. Coverage now depends on documentation from the medical team demonstrating that all applicable clinical criteria are met.