



Medicare Coverage Criteria for Wheelchair Cushions & Backs

Patients must qualify medically for their wheelchair seat and back cushion. While the ICD-10 diagnosis qualifier has recently been removed by Medicare, the client's medical record still needs to reflect their clinical presentation meets the coverage criteria to qualify for the selected cushion or back. This guide is intended to indicate what wheelchair cushions and backs the client will qualify for given Medicare coverage criteria.



SELECTING THE RIGHT CUSHION FOR YOUR CLIENT

Step 1: Identify which criteria your patient presents with.

Step 2: Document their presentation and identify how the cushion will ameliorate this condition in the letter of medical necessity (LMN).

Step 3: Select qualifying Seat and Back cushion.

	Cushion Description Category			
	Skin Protection Cushion (Non-Adjustable or Adjustable)	Positioning Seat/ Back Cushion or Custom Fabricated Back	Skin Protection & (Combination) Seat Cushion	Custom Fabricated Seat Cushion
Medical Records (LMN) must include:	1. Current/past pressure ulcer on seating surface. OR 2. Absent/impaired sensation or inability to weight shift.	Significant Postural Asymmetries * For Custom Fabricated Back a PT/OT evaluation required.	Client who meets both criteria listed for a skin protection and a positioning seat cushion.	Client qualifies for a Skin Protection, Positioning or Combination Seat Cushion and has a PT/OT evaluation documenting that client presentation cannot be corrected/accommodated by an off the shelf seat cushion.
	E2603/E2604, E2622/E2623	E2605/E2606, E2613/E2614, E2515/E2616, E2620/E2621, E2617	E2603/E2604, E2624/E2625	E2609
Seat Recommendation	Jay Go Cushion, Ki Mobility Axiom S, Jay Fusion, Roho Single Compartment Mid/High Profile	Jay Soft Combi, Axiom P, Roho Airlite Custom Fabricated Back Manufacturers: Ride Designs, PRM, PinDot, Jay SureFit, Ki Mobility Axiom Custom Seating	Comfort Co. M2 Cushion, Stealth Solution, Stealth Spectrum, Comfort Co Acta Embrace, Roho Quadtro Select	Ride Designs, PRM, PinDot, Kalogon Orbiter Med, Ki Mobility Axiom Custom Seating, Jay SureFit
Back Recommendation	N/A	Axiom Posterior Back, Axiom Posterior & Lateral Back, Matrx Mini Back, Matrx Elite E2 Back, Matrx PB Back, Matrx Elite Back, Axiom Lateral Back	N/A	N/A

