

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MOBILITY OPTIONS?

Here's what you need to know...

STEP-BY-STEP CONSUMER GUIDE TO MEDICARE COVERAGE



In order to determine if a power mobility device is right for you, you need to follow these steps.

STEP 1 VISIT WITH YOUR TREATING PRACTITIONER (THIS CAN BE A **PHYSICIAN** BUT CAN ALSO BE A **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT** OR **NURSE PRACTITIONER** IN SOME CASES) FOR A **FACE-TO-FACE EXAMINATION** AND DISCUSS YOUR MOBILITY OPTIONS.

Medicare requires a face-to-face examination with your treating practitioner prior to writing a prescription for a power mobility device.

During your exam, your treating practitioner must first consider the use of a cane, walker, and manual wheelchair before considering a scooter or power wheelchair. If your treating practitioner feels that your mobility needs must be resolved with a scooter or power wheelchair, this must be supported in your medical records and a prescription can be written. A physical therapist or occupational therapist may also conduct an additional assessment if your treating practitioner deems it necessary.

STEP 2 HAVE YOUR TREATING PRACTITIONER SEND THE WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION AND MEDICAL RECORDS TO YOUR MOBILITY SUPPLIER.

The mobility supplier must receive the written prescription and supporting documentation (medical records) prior to dispensing the power mobility device.

Once received, the mobility supplier works with you and your treating practitioner to determine the appropriate scooter or power wheelchair model for your needs.

STEP 3 YOUR MOBILITY SUPPLIER CONDUCTS A HOME ASSESSMENT TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS AND MANEUVERABILITY SPACE.*

The primary reason for a power mobility device is to compensate for your mobility limitations within your home and your ability to perform activities of daily living, such as toileting, grooming, bathing, dressing and eating. Therefore, it is critical to determine if your home environment supports the use of a scooter or power wheelchair.

* This home assessment may be completed by the mobility supplier prior to, or at the time of, delivery of your power mobility device.

STEP 4 YOUR MOBILITY SUPPLIER ORDERS THE POWER MOBILITY DEVICE PRESCRIBED BY YOUR TREATING PRACTITIONER, DELIVERS IT TO YOUR HOME AND INSTRUCTS YOU ON HOW TO OPERATE IT.

