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POWER WHEELCHAIR PREPAYMENT REVIEW UPDATE

Jurisdiction B DME MAC continues to conduct a widespread prepayment medical review for power wheelchair (PWC), group 2 standard, captain's chair, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 pounds (**K0823**) and related accessories.

From October 1, 2012 - December, 31, 2012, the Jurisdiction B DME MAC processed 1,130 claims for K0823 and related accessories.

They examined 1,022 claims that were developed for additional documentation.

Of these claims reviewed, **ONLY 122 were paid in full**. The remaining claims were completely or partially denied resulting in an **80% claims error rate**.

An **Audit GUARD program** can prevent these denials for qualified patients!

MANUAL WHEELCHAIR PRE PAYMENT REVIEW ERROR RATE (DENIALS) AT 96%

Jurisdiction D recently posted the 4th quarter 2012 pre pay review results for Manual Wheelchairs (K0001, K0003 and K0004) with a 96% error (denial) rate!

Other Jurisdictions will likely see these results and begin similar scrutiny on these codes.

Based on this high error rate, Noridian Administration Services will continue with the Prepayment Widespread Review for K0001, K0003 and K0004.

[Contact US](#) ASAP to learn how to avoid these pre pay denials.

[4th Quarter 2012 Pre Pay Results](#)

[3rd Quarter 2012 Pre Pay Results](#)

POWER WHEELCHAIR PREPAYMENT REVIEW ERROR RATE (DENIALS)

The Jurisdiction D DME MAC Medical Review Department is conducting a widespread complex review of **HCPCS codes K0822 and K0825**. The second quarter edit effectiveness results from **October 2012 through January 2013** are as follows:

The **K0822** review involved 105 claims of which 83 were denied. This resulted in an overall error rate of **79%**. The **K0825** review involved 143 claims of which 130 were denied. This resulted in an overall error rate of **92%**.

While these results are a little better than past results, they are still not good. This means that if you are in Jurisdiction D you have a 8% chance of getting paid on a K0825 and a 21% chance of getting paid on a K0822.

Please [contact us](#) to learn how to increase your chances of getting paid!

[2nd Quarter Pre Pay Results](#)

Power Operated Vehicle (POV) Basic Equipment Package UPDATE - Effective Jan 2013

Each POV is to include all these items on initial issue (i.e., no separate billing/payment at time of initial issue): **Lap belt or safety belt**. Shoulder harness/straps or chest straps/vest may be billed separately.

[Click here for the policy article](#)

MANDATORY PAYMENT REDUCTION IN MEDICARE FEE FOR SERVICE

Medicare FFS claims with dates-of-service or dates-of-discharge on or after April 1, 2013, will incur a 2 percent reduction in Medicare payment. Claims for durable medical equipment (DME), prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies, including claims under the DME Competitive Bidding Program, will be reduced by 2 percent based upon whether the date-of-service, or the start date for rental equipment or multi-day supplies, is on or after April 1, 2013.

DME A Pre Pay Denial Rate for K0823 Increased from 54.7% to 80.6% in 2012

Based on the results of this prepayment review, DME MAC A will continue to review claims billed with HCPCS K0823.

Suppliers are reminded that repeated failure to respond to ADR requests could result in a referral to the Jurisdiction A Program Safeguard Contractor/Zone Program Integrity Contractor.

