Certificate of Medical Necessity for a Manual Wheelchair, Standard or Custom

The DME provider must complete all applicable areas not completed by the clinician or therapist

Dear Clinician/DME Provider: Cooperation in completing this form will ensure that the beneficiary receives full Medi-Cal consideration regarding the request for a manual wheelchair. Medi-Cal reimbursement is based on the least expensive medically appropriate equipment that meets the patient's medical need.

Incomplete information may result in a deferral, denial or delay in payment of the claim.

Requires the Attending Clinician to Complete and Sign

SECTION 1—Clinician's Information:

Clinician Name	Clinician Address
Last _____	Street _____
First _____	City _____
Phone _____	State _____
License Number _____	Zip Code _____

Clinician's description of the patient's current functional status and need for the requested equipment:

SECTION 2—Patient's Information: New Rx (For Rx Renewal, please also complete 2A below)

Patient Name	Patient Address
Last _____	Street _____
First _____	City _____
Phone _____	State _____
Date of Birth _____	Zip Code _____
Medi-Cal Number _____	

Date of last face-to-face visit with the beneficiary: _____

Is this beneficiary expected to be institutionalized within the next 10 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Explain "Yes" Answer: _____

Equipment required for:

- ☐ Less than 10 months (code the TAR for a rental)
- ☐ More than 10 months (code the TAR for a purchase)

SECTION 2A—RX Renewal - Verification of continued medical necessity:

Manual Wheelchair Requested:

a) Standard HCPCS Code(s) _____ b) Custom HCPCS Code(s) _____

c) Replacing existing equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date of Purchase: _____
Make/Model/Serial #: _____ Explain "Yes" Answer: _____

d) Attach repair cost estimate if replacement with similar equipment is requested.

e) Other DME the beneficiary has: _____

f) Current wheelchair: _____

g) How many hours per day for other DME: _____

h) Accessories requested and why (use attachments):

i) Custom features requested and why (use attachments):

SECTION 3—Diagnosis Information:

Diagnoses: _____

Date of onset: _____

SECTION 4—Pertinent History:

Pressure Sores Present: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beneficiary has a history of pressure sores: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beneficiary lacks protective sensation and is at risk for developing sores: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beneficiary's protective sensation is intact: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If sores are present, location and stage: _____

SECTION 5—Pertinent Exam Findings:

Upper Extremity: ☐ Weakness ☐ Paralysis ☐ Contractures

Comments: _____

Lower Extremity: ☐ Weakness ☐ Paralysis ☐ Contractures ☐ Edema
☐ Amputee Level: _____ ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Cast ☐ Ataxia

Comments: _____ Height _____ Weight: _____

Sitting posture/Deformity: _____ Cognitive status: _____

Requires wheelchair supervision: _____ Vision: ☐ Impaired ☐ Normal

SECTION 6—Living Environment:

☐ House/condominium ☐ Apartment ☐ Stairs ☐ Elevator ☐ Ramp
☐ Hills ☐ SNF ☐ ICF/DD ☐ B&C

Doorway widths and home layout for adequate wheelchair use indoors verified except:

☐ Bathroom ☐ Bedroom ☐ Kitchen ☐ Other:

Living Assistance: ☐ Lives alone ☐ With other person(s) ☐ Alone most of the day
☐ Alone at night

Attendant care: ☐ Live in attendant or ____ Hours/day ☐ Homemaker Hours: ____

Transportation:

To/from medical appointments? ☐ Yes Local Community? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beneficiary drives from the wheelchair? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tie-down system: _____

Public Transportation: _____

SECTION 7— Activity Level:

Number of hours per day in the wheelchair: _____

Distances the beneficiary pushes/drives daily: _____

Beneficiary will use the wheelchair: ☐ At home ☐ Outside ☐ For physician visits ☐ Job related activities ☐ School ☐ Social Activities ☐ SNF ☐ ICD/DD

Who will propel this chair? ☐Beneficiary Other: _____

Beneficiary can independently propel a manual wheelchair:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ At Home ☐ In the community

Beneficiary can disassemble this type of manual wheelchair and independently transfer self and chair to a motor vehicle: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beneficiary is unable to effectively propel any manual wheelchair: ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 8—Ambulation:

Beneficiary is independently ambulatory: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beneficiary is unable to walk: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Beneficiary ambulation is non-functional and limited by: _____

Beneficiary's ambulation ability is expected to change: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Explain "Yes" Answer: _____

Beneficiary is scheduled for additional lower extremity medical/surgical intervention(s).

☐ Yes ☐ No Explain "Yes" Answer: _____

SECTION 9—Wheelchair Base and Accessories:

1. Does the beneficiary require and use the wheelchair to move around in their place of residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the beneficiary have quadriplegia, a fixed hip angle, a trunk cast or brace, excessive extensor tone of the trunk muscles or need to rest in a recumbent position?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. The beneficiary has a cast, brace or musculoskeletal condition, which prevents 90 degrees of flexion of the knee, or does the patient have significant edema of the lower extremities?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. How many hours a day is this beneficiary expected to spend in this wheelchair?
   _____ (Round to nearest hour)
5. Is this beneficiary able to adequately self-propel (without being pushed) in a standard weight manual wheelchair? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. If the answer to question #5 were "No", would this beneficiary be able to adequately self-propel (without being pushed) in any type lightweight wheelchair? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 10—Narrative description of the wheelchair and cost and justification for higher cost frames, second wheelchair tilt recline:

Manufacturer: _____	Model: _____
Provider Name: _____	Provider Street: _____
Provider City: _____ Provide State: ___ Provider Zip Code: _____	

SECTION 11—DME provider/Therapist attestation and signature/date:

By my signature below, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in this Certificate of Medical Necessity is true, accurate and complete and I understand that any falsification, omission or concealment may subject me to criminal liability under the laws of the State of California.

Name of therapist answering these sections, if other than prescribing clinician or DME provider:

Name: _____ Title: _____ (OT, PT, RESNA, etc.) Signature: _____ Date: _____	DME Provider Name: _____ Signature: _____

SECTION 12—Clinician attestation and signature/date:

I certify that I am the clinician identified in this document. I have reviewed this Certificate of Medical Necessity and I certify to the best of my knowledge that the medical information is true, accurate, current and complete, and I understand that any falsification, omission, or concealment may subject me to criminal liability under the laws of the State of California.

Clinician's Signature: _____ Date: _____