

DISTINCTIVENESS – QUALITY - ACCESS

SPECIALIZED ADJUSTABLE WHEELCHAIR SEAT CUSHIONS (HCPCS CODES K0734 – K0737) ARE NOT DISTINCT ENOUGH TO COMPETITIVELY BID

- Currently there are 3,943 unique products / items composed of a variety of technologies, clinical applications, materials, shapes, sizes, etc. assigned to HCPCS codes K0734 – K0737.

Seat Cushion HCPCS Code	Number of Products Currently Assigned to the Code by the PDAC
K0734	835
K0735	589
K0736	1362
K0737	1157
Total	3,943

- The variety of products is absolutely necessary because you are dealing with a very wide variety of individuals composed of varying shapes, sizes and clinical needs.
 - No two individuals are alike in weight, shape and size. Furthermore, an individual's weight, shape and size will change over time. We must have cushion configurations that address the individual's needs initially, and over time.
 - The clinical needs being addressed by a seat cushion (skin integrity and / or positioning) are very rarely the individual's primary diagnosis. However, the primary diagnosis is a key element in determining which cushion is right for the individual. Age, activity level, sensory perception, skeletal deformities, paralysis, circulatory status, respiratory status, sweating, incontinence, etc. all play a part in determining the correct cushion to meet the individual's needs.
- In contrast, the total number of products / items that have been code verified for the following medical policies (inclusive of all HCPCS codes assigned to the policy):

Medical Policy	Number of HCPCS Codes Included	Total Number of Products Currently Assigned to the Policy by the PDAC
Hospital Beds and Accessories	31	371
Enteral Nutrition	16	1248
CPAP	20	625
Negative Pressure Wound Therapy	4	143
Walkers	17	818
Support Surfaces – Groups 1, 2 and 3	20	935

COMPETITIVELY BIDDING SPECIALIZED ADJUSTABLE WHEELCHAIR SEAT CUSHIONS WILL REDUCE BENEFICIARY ACCESS TO THE ITEMS THEY NEED