

Request initiated for mobility device for willing patient

Assess whether the beneficiary has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more MRADLs in the home

Mobility Limitation?

NO

MAE is not R&N

YES

Assess whether there are other conditions that limit the beneficiary's ability to participate in MRADLs in the home

Other Limitations?

NO

YES

Assess whether these other limitations can be ameliorated or compensated sufficiently such that the additional provision of MAE will be reasonably expected to significantly improve the beneficiary's ability to perform or obtain assistance to participate in MRADLs in the home

Compensated?

NO

MAE is not R&N

YES

Assess whether or not the beneficiary or caregiver demonstrates the capability and the willingness to consistently operate the MAE safely

Capable of safe use?

NO

MAE is not R&N

YES

Assess whether or not the mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved by the prescription of a cane or walker

Cane or Walker is insufficient?

NO

Assess bene's ability to safely use cane or walker

Unsafe?

NO

Cane or walker R&N

YES

Assess whether or not the beneficiary's typical environment supports the use of wheelchairs including POVs

Environment OK for W/C ?

NO

MAE is not R&N

YES

Assess whether or not the beneficiary has sufficient upper extremity function to propel a manual wheelchair in the home to participate in MRADLs during a typical day

Bene has insufficient upper ext. function?

NO

Assess bene's ability to safely use a manual w/c

Unsafe?

NO

Manual W/C R&N

YES

Assess whether or not the beneficiary has sufficient strength and postural stability to operate a POV/Scooter

Bene has insufficient strength & postural stability?

NO

Assess bene's ability to safely use a POV & if there is adequate space to maneuver in home

Unsafe and/or Unable?

NO

POV R&N

YES

Assess whether or not the beneficiary needs the additional features provided by a power wheelchair in order to participate in one or more MRADLs

Bene needs additional features?

NO

MAE is not R&N

YES

Assess bene's ability to safely use a power wheelchair

Unsafe?

NO

Power Wheelchair R&N

YES

Clinical Criteria for MAE Coverage

ABBREVIATION KEY

- Bene - Beneficiary
- Ext. - Extremity
- MAE - Mobility Assistive Equipment
- MRADLs - Mobility Related Activities of Daily Living
- POV - Power Operated Vehicle (scooter)
- R&N - Reasonable and Necessary
- W/C - Wheelchair