

# **Global Commitment Register**

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# **Wheelchair Component Prior Authorization Change**

#### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program removed the prior authorization requirement for wheelchair components and accessories that are an exact replacement as part of a wheelchair repair. Previously, prior authorization was required for all repairs greater than \$500. Providers are expected to continue to maintain documentation of medical necessity for any repairs.

Any prior authorization requirements for wheelchairs, components, or accessories can be found on the <u>Medicaid Fee Schedule</u> and <u>Imminent Harm Code List</u>.

<u>Health Care Administrative Rule 4.210 Wheelchairs, Mobility Devices and Seating Systems</u> will be amended to remove the prior authorization requirement for wheelchair repairs costing more than \$500.

#### **Effective Date:**

September 1, 2024

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

Medicaid State Plan

# **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

# **Fiscal Impact:**

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

#### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended on September 5, 2024. No comments were received.

#### **Additional Information:**

Additional coverage criteria for wheelchairs and accessories can be found on the Durable Medical Equipment page on the <u>Department of Vermont Health Access website</u> and in the <u>Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Supplement</u>.

