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Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

Wheelchair Component Prior Authorization Change

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to remove 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 [Medicaid Fee Schedule](#) and [Imminent Harm Code List](#).

[Health Care Administrative Rule 4.210 Wheelchairs, Mobility Devices and Seating Systems](#) 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:

August 5, 2024 – September 5, 2024

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

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Additional Information:

Additional coverage criteria for wheelchairs and accessories can be found on the Durable Medical Equipment page on the [Department of Vermont Health Access website](#) and in the [Durable Medical Equipment \(DME\) Supplement](#).