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MEMORANDUM

TO: Durable Medical Equipment Providers
Nursing Facility Administrators

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SUBJECT: Documentation for Power Wheelchair Requests for Nursing Facility Residents

DATE: May 24, 2021

Attached please find revised [Guidelines for Power Wheelchair Documentation](#) for durable medical equipment (DME) providers requesting power wheelchair (PWC) preauthorization on behalf of Medicaid nursing facility residents. Rather than requiring the submission of numerous documents, we are urging DME providers and nursing facilities to work toward enhancing the required physical and/or occupational therapy (PT/OT) evaluations in a way that provides a more complete picture of the resident's mobility and seating needs.

In addition to outlining general documentation requirements (e.g., physician order), the attached [Guidelines](#) provide detail on those elements of the PT/OT evaluation that evaluators should include. Incorporation of these elements into the evaluation is expected to facilitate processing of requests and minimize the need for additional information.

As always, we appreciate your participation as Maryland Medicaid providers to provide quality care to nursing facility residents. Any questions regarding this memo or the [Guidelines](#) may be addressed to Telligen at (888) 276-7075 or MarylandUCSupport@telligen.com.