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Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Manual Wheelchair Service Authorization Changes Effective 7/1/2022**

Issue Date: 05/25/2022

Run Length: 4 weeks

Provider Type(s): 001, 005, 020, 021, 071, 076

Message: Effective 7/1/2022, the purchase of manual wheelchairs under the following HCPCS codes will require a service authorization (SA): K0001, K0002, K0003, K0005, K0006, and K0007. Manual wheelchairs rented under these same HCPCS codes may continue to be dispensed without an SA. Rental of anti-tipping and anti-rollback devices as well as adjustable height armrests and safety belts in conjunction with these manual wheelchair rentals will no longer require an SA. These coverage changes will ensure that members receive the most appropriate equipment and that basic, off-the-shelf wheelchairs are "trialed" before purchase.

As a reminder, per 7 AAC 120.200 (m)(3), DME suppliers must accept returns of any substandard item including those items that do not meet the prescribed needs of the member.