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PMC PLEDGES TO WORK WITH CMS TO FURTHER REVISE MEDICARE'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR PMDs

PMC Grateful for Revisions and Hopes New Data Will Spark Further Reconsideration

Washington, DC – The Power Mobility Coalition (PMC), a nationwide coalition of manufacturers and suppliers of motorized wheelchairs and power operated vehicles, expressed gratitude that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revisited the fee schedule for power mobility devices (PMDs) and revised some payment rates after discrepancies in calculations were identified and corrected. While reimbursement for the most widely prescribed Group 2 chairs (standard weight with captain's seat) only increased by \$300, CMS pledged to provide their calculations and to look at any additional validated data to determine if more corrections need to be made.

Specifically, CMS made several refinements to the PMD fee schedule including:

- improving data quality to ensure consistency in product classification;
- ensuring the proper base year of the MSRP of the product (which impacts inflation rates);
- fixing the inflation factor in two of the most popular product codes.

PMC members are confident that they have data to allow CMS to reconsider the revised fee schedule and make further revisions. PMC members are anxiously awaiting the details behind CMS' calculations that produced the revised fee schedule and, according to PMC Director Eric Sokol, "are prepared to work around the clock" to again help CMS validate all the underlying assumptions and calculations that produced the revised prices. As Sokol notes, "We are down to hours, not days and only hope that CMS can provide us the details in time for us to provide feedback before the prices go into effect on November 15th."

The PMC believes that working together, CMS and PMD stakeholders can continue to provide disabled Americans with access to life enhancing PMDs at a fair and equitable price.

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