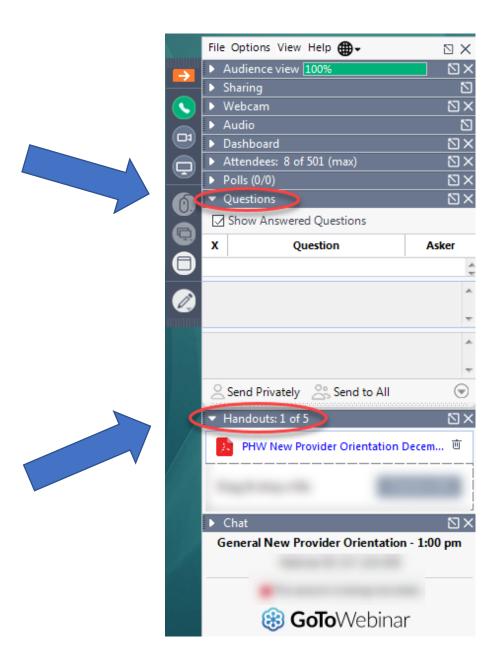


### **Exceptional DME / DME Provider Training**

Transforming the Health of Our Community One Person at a Time

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## Today's Primary Goals

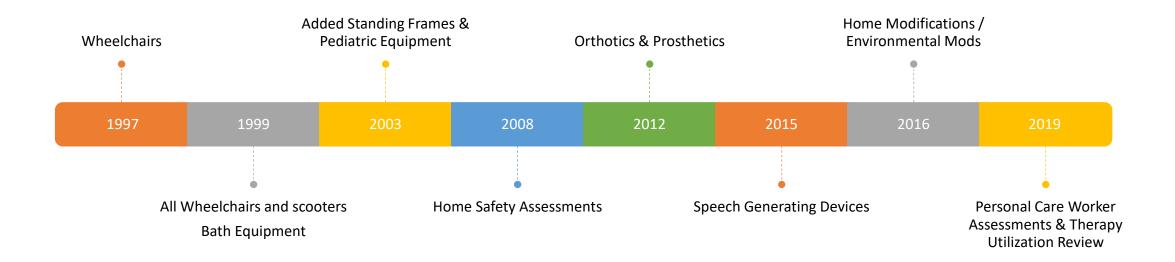
To educate our DME provider partners on PHW process To align to provide excellent service to participants



### DME Consulting Group

- PT Owned and Operated
- 300+ PT's/OT's
- All clinicians receive specialized training
- All Assessments have 2-clinicians involved







### DME-CG Outcomes

- 75-80% result in provision
- 4-5% modification up
- 8-12% modification down
- 15-20% additional identification of critical information

### **EDME Process Goals**

- Engage Service Coordinator
- Early, accurate needs identification
- Reduced time to deliver necessary equipment
- Improve quality & operational efficiencies
- Decrease waste

### **Process Reconfiguration**

Action	Result
MD receives additional recent, relevant data	Improved Completeness & Accuracy of RX's
Early Detection	Risk Mitigation – Appropriate Cost Containment
Level Set Expectations	Reduced Conflict (Patient, MD, Equip Provider, & Plan)
Process Reconfiguration	Improve Quality Improve Efficiency Improve Delivery Times

# Exceptional DME

Definition, Examples & PHW Process





### What is Exceptional DME\*

#### Acquisition Cost => \$5,000.00 and

- Either "Specially Adapted DME"
  - Uniquely constructed or substantially adapted
  - Modified in accordance with the written orders of a physician for the particular use of one (1) resident, making its contemporaneous use by another resident unsuitable.
- Other DME that is designated as "exceptional DME"

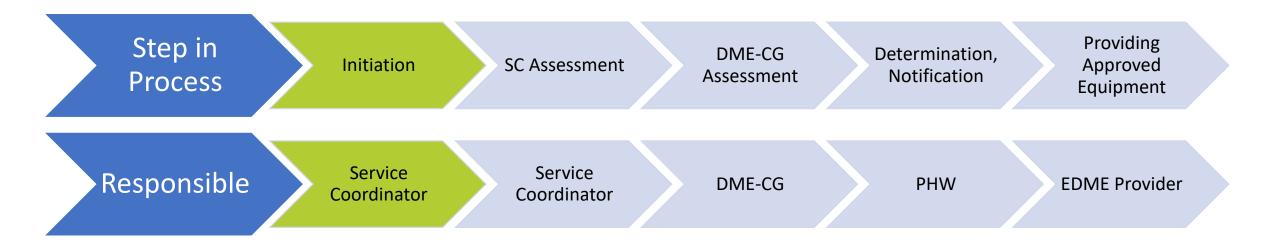
\* Exceptional durable medical equipment as defined in *Pennsylvania Bulletin* 49 Pa.B 3542 (July 6, 2019)

# Exceptional DME Examples

- Powered Mobility Devices / Wheelchairs
- Specifically Adapted Manual Wheelchairs
- Prosthetics
- Air Fluidized Beds
- Power Air Flotation Beds
- Augmentative Communication Devices
- Ventilators

### **EDME Process: Initiating Request**

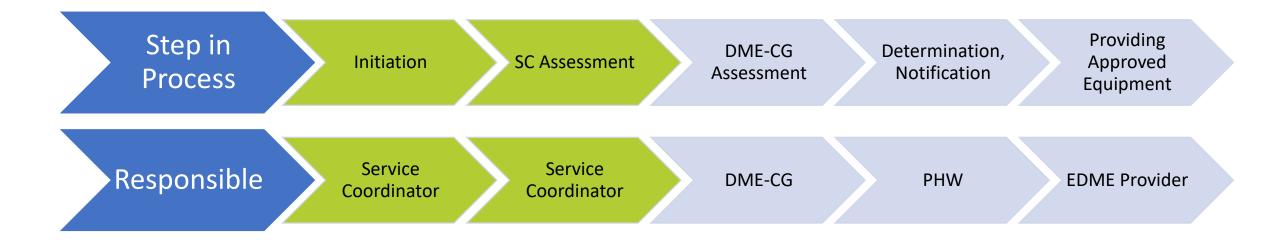
All requests start with the Service Coordinator (SC). If a provider or Nursing Facility (NF) identifies a need for a participant to have EDME, they should contact the SC for an updated assessment and service plan.



Note: Requests for DME received directly from EDME vendors will be void (exception: vents and air fluidized beds)

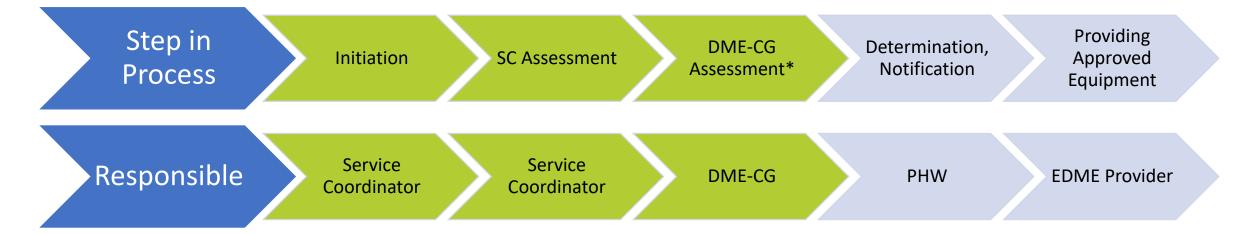
### **EDME Process: Assessing the Need**

- The SC will complete the assessment and service plan and request any additional needed information
- The SC will submit the request to PHW



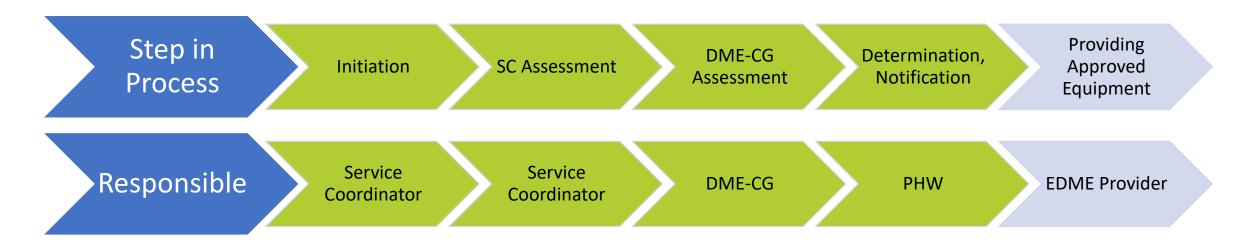
### **EDME Process: DME-CG Assessment**

- PHW will request an assessment from DME-CG
- DME-CG will assess the Participant and submit report to PHW
- \*As a member of the PCPT, based on Participant choice, the DME provider ATP is invited to join the assessment. The PCPT members present for the assessment can include, but are not limited to, the Nursing Facility Care Team, the Service Coordinator, the DME provider, the DME provider's certified ATP, and any individuals that the Participant chooses to have present.



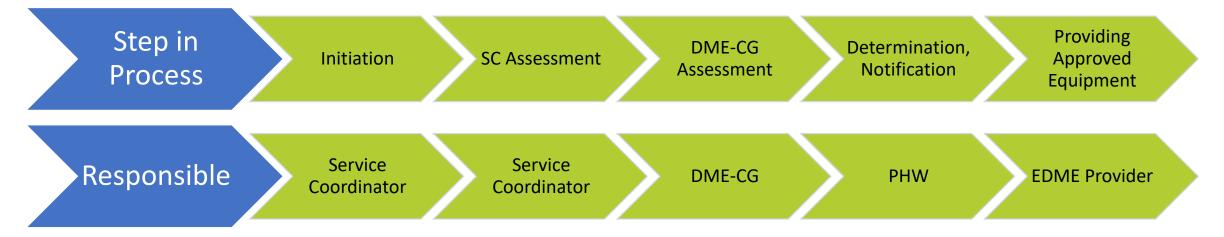
# EDME Process: Determination & Notification

- Once the evaluation report is received, PHW will review the request and make a determination
- Participant will be notified of the decision



### **EDME Process: Providing Approved Equipment**

- Provider will be selected for the provision of the equipment
  - Participant can select the EDME provider
  - PHW can choose an alternate provider if the same or similar item with the same quality of support can be provided at a lower cost
  - Review example
- Provider will supply the approved equipment & submit claim for reimbursement



### **PHW EDME Summary Process Chart**

Step	Responsible Party	Action		
Initiation	Service Coordinator	<ul> <li>All Requests begin here</li> <li>Newly identified needs require updated assessment</li> <li>Direct Requests from EDME Vendors Void</li> </ul>		
Assessment	Service Coordinator	<ul> <li>Assess &amp; request necessary additional information</li> <li>Submit to PHW</li> </ul>		
EDME Assessment assessment completed within 3 days of request with supporting documentation	DME-CG	<ul> <li>Perform in-home assessment</li> <li>Peer-reviewed</li> <li>DME Provider ATP included assuming participant choice (see slide 15)</li> <li>Submit results to PHW</li> </ul>		
Determination & Notifications determination complete within 2-days of request with supporting documentation and assessment results Notification mailed within 2-days of determination	PHW	<ul> <li>Medical Management Review</li> <li>Participant Notification</li> </ul>		

### DME & EDME Repair vs. Replace

PHW will determine, on a case-by-case basis, if the item is to be repaired or replaced based on duration of ownership, CMS schedules of life expectancy, and reasonable useful lifetime.

PHW will consider repair, instead of replacement of DME if:

- the equipment can be repaired efficiently; and
- the equipment can be returned to service in a timely manner; and
- the existing item continues to meet the participant specific needs.

### **DME Delivery of Equipment**



Medicaid DME payment includes delivery;



Medicaid does not pay additional for 'Delivery' charges;



Medicaid DME payment includes equipment assembly, participant/caregiver instructions on proper usage, adjustment of the adjustable legs to ensure safe/ comfortable sitting and disposal of box into the participant's garbage can.



### DME









DME items such as incontinence supplies, wipes, and barrier cream may require authorization. RX is required if it is over the MA Fee Limit. Please refer to the MA fee schedule as a helpful resource. https://www.humanservices. state.pa.us/OUTPATIENTFEES CHEDULE/Search

### DME

Miscellaneous Codes

### DME-Miscellaneous Codes

#### Can only be used for:

- Continuity of Care (COC)
- Managed Care Organization (MCO) transfers
- Exceptional DME parts not on MA fee schedule

#### **Example-Wipes**

W0137 is the misc. generic code.
 However, more appropriate to use
 A4335 code because that is the code
 on the MA fee schedule for that
 item.

### CPAP



### CPAP

- Requirements:
  - Physician Rx
  - Documentation with sleep study lab results required
  - Requests sent directly to DME provider
  - DME Provider to Submit Authorization Request
    - Secure Web Portal
    - Outpatient Medicaid Prior Authorization Form
       <u>https://www.pahealthwellness.com/providers/resources/prior-authorization.html</u>
- Special Note:
  - CPAP supplies cannot be requested by SC
  - Frequency limitation: 1 every 5 years



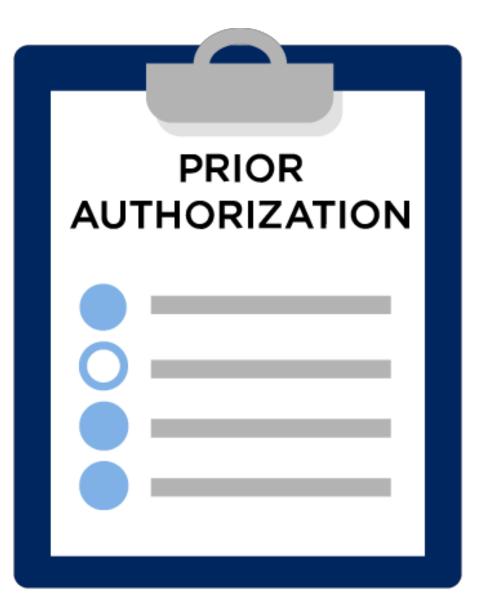
### Pre-Service Participant Verification

- PHW Secure Provider Portal
- PHW Automated Participant eligibility (IVR) system 1-844-626-6813
- PHW Provider Services 1-844-626-6813
- PA online Eligibility Verification System (EVS), PROMISe<sup>®</sup>



### DME

**Prior Authorization** 



#### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

### Prior Authorizations for DME

- For DME (not EDME) the preferred method for submitting authorizations is online through the Secure Provider Web Portal at: <u>Provider.PAHealthWellness.com</u>
- Other methods of submitting the Prior Authorization requests:
  - Call 1-844-626-6813
  - Fax the Prior Authorization fax forms posted on https://www.pahealthwellness.com/providers/resources/ prior-authorization.html
  - Non-participating providers must submit Prior Authorization for all services

### Online Pre-Auth Check Tool

Participating provider can use the Pre-Auth Needed Tool on the website to quickly determine if a service or procedure requires prior authorization:

https://www.pahealthwellness.com/providers/ preauth-check.html



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#### **Types of Services**

Is the member being admitted to an inpatient facility?

Are anesthesia services being rendered for pain management or Dental services?

Are oral surgery services being provided in the office?

Are services, other than DME, orthotics, prosthetics, and supplies, being rendered in the home?

Is the member receiving hospice services?

Are services being rendered by a Chiropractor?

Enter the code of the service you would like to check:

K0108

Yes K0108 - OTHER ACCESSORY Pre-authorization required for all providers.

### Coordination of Benefits

- If a service is non-covered by Medicare, then an EOB is not required.
- For services covered by Medicare, PHW requires an EOB from the primary payer.
- If PHW is the secondary payer and the authorization is covered by Medicare, then no authorization is required.

### **Helpful Reminders**

- Always Check Eligibility
- Always Check if Covered Benefit
- Always Check if Prior Auth Required
- Prior Auth is required for nonparticipating providers
- Code(s) and units on claim must match authorization (and include modifiers, as appropriate)





### Key Takeaways

#### EDME:

- SC driven referrals Service Coordinator needs to be manager of the participant's case. EDME requests (except for air fluidized beds and vents) will not be accepted from the DME provider.
- Provider submitted invoice should match the EDME requested item. PHW can choose an alternate provider if the same or similar item with the same quality of support can be provided at a lower cost.

#### DME:

- Miscellaneous DME codes are not to be used unless for COC or MCO transfers. Use codes per the MA fee schedule.
- Always check the Prior Auth Check Tool

### Summary Comparison Chart: EDME & DME

DME Type	Referral Must Start with SC?	<b>Referral Exceptions?</b>	Auth Required?	DME-CG Required?	Coordination of Benefits (COB)?
EDME	Yes	<ul> <li>Air Fluidized Beds</li> <li>Ventilators</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	Yes
DME	Dependent on Item(s)	Can be initiated by the DME provider	Prior Auth Check Tool	No	Yes



### Thank You!

### **Key Contacts**

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