



# Bellevue Healthcare (PMD)

## Face to Face Guide for Power Mobility Device

A face to face appointment with a physician is required by Medicare for coverage of any wheelchair. The face to face exam needs to be documented by a detailed narrative note in the physician's chart notes in the format they use for other entries. The chart notes need to indicate that the main reason for the appointment is for a power wheelchair and mobility evaluation.

**There is no form to fill out for the face to face - it must be documented in the chart notes and cannot be in the form of a letter.**

The face to face appointment should include the following information:

- The condition/diagnosis that requires the need for the power wheelchair.
- How the mobility limitation impairs the patient's ability to perform MRADL's (ex; toileting, grooming, dressing, bathing, feeding, etc.) inside the home.
- Use of a Power Wheelchair will improve the patient's ability to perform MRADL's in a timely manner within the home and will be used regularly.
- It needs to be stated why the patient's mobility cannot be sufficiently resolved by the use of a Cane, Walker, Standard Manual Wheelchairs, Optimally Configured Manual Wheelchair or a Scooter within the home.
- The patient is willing and able to use the Power Wheelchair within the home.
- If the recommended equipment is for a Scooter, the chart notes need to indicate that the patient is capable of transferring on and off, and able to operate the tiller for steering. Referral for OT/PT for seating/mobility eval is recommended.
- Electronic or physical signature and date.
- ❖ Referral to a PT/OT for a Seating/Mobility Eval. is required by Medicare for all Complex Power Wheelchairs.