



# Bellevue Healthcare (MWC)

## PT/OT Guide for Manual Wheelchairs (K5 & TIS)

A PT/OT Evaluation is required by Medicare for all Complex Manual Wheelchairs.

The Evaluation Notes and/or the LMN must include the following information:

- The condition/diagnosis that requires the need for the manual wheelchair.
- How the mobility limitation impairs the patient's ability to perform MRADL's (ex; toileting, grooming, dressing, bathing, feeding, etc.) inside the home and how the requested MWC will allow them to complete them.
  - Prevents the beneficiary from accomplishing an MRADL entirely; or
  - Places the beneficiary at reasonably determined heightened risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to perform an MRADL; or
  - Prevents the beneficiary from completing an MRADL within a reasonable time frame.
- It must be stated why the patients mobility cannot be sufficiently resolved by use of a Cane, Walker or Standard Manual Wheelchairs (K1-K4)
  - Even though it may be obvious that the patient cannot use any other assistive device, it must be stated that they are unable as well as explained.
- Strength/ROM tests need to be documented
  - Limitations of strength, endurance, range of motion, or coordination, presence of pain, or deformity or absence of one or both upper extremities are relevant to the assessment of upper extremity function.
- Justification for K0005 (Ultra Lightweight/Optimally Configured)
  - The beneficiary must be a full-time manual wheelchair user.
  - The beneficiary must require individualized fitting and adjustments for one or more features such as, but not limited to, axle configuration, wheel camber, or seat and back angles, which cannot be accommodated by a K0001 through K0004 manual wheelchair.
  - Must include a description of the beneficiary's routine activities (showing they are a highly active wheelchair user)
- Justification for E1161 (Tilt in Space/TIS)
  - The beneficiary has a caregiver who is available, willing, and able to provide assistance with the wheelchair
- General Rules:
  - The patient is willing and able to use the Manual Wheelchair within the home.
  - The beneficiary has the mental and physical capabilities to safely operate the manual wheelchair that is provided.