

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Durable Medical Equipment Providers

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Re: Update to Home Accessibility Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Coverage and Billing

AmeriHealth Caritas PA will follow the Department of Human Services (DHS) guidelines released in Medical Assistance Bulletin (MAB) 25-21-01\*, regarding the Coverage of Home Accessibility Durable Medical Equipment and Procedure for Obtaining an 1150 Administrative Waiver in the Fee-for-Service Delivery System.

The following Home Accessibility DME services are covered and require prior-authorization:

- Wheelchair lifts, stair glides, ceiling lifts and metal accessibility ramps and other items that:
  - Are used by a beneficiary with a mobility impairment to **enter and exit the home, OR**
  - Are used to **support activities of daily living; AND**
  - Are **removable or reusable**, which includes instances where these items are installed using screws or bolts and are removed by removing the screws or bolts without damage to the item.
- Installation costs.
- Medically necessary repairs to the equipment.

Note:

- Home Modifications are not a covered benefit for members in the HealthChoices program.
- Home Modifications are a covered benefit for nursing facility clinically eligible Participants in the Community HealthChoices program.

Effective June 1, 2022 the following procedure codes/modifier combinations must be utilized when requesting Home Accessibility DME services:

- E1399/U3 - Stair Glides
- E1399/U3/SC – Stair Glide Installation
- E1399/U4 – Overhead Ceiling Lifts
- E1399/U4/SC – Overhead Ceiling Lift Installation
- E1399/U5 – Wheelchair Vertical Lifts
- E1399/U5/SC – Wheelchair Vertical Lift Installation
- E1399/U6 – Metal Ramps
- E1399/U6/SC – Metal Ramp Installation
- E1399/U2 – Other Home Accessibility DME items
- E1399/U2/SC – Other Home Accessibility DME item installation

To read the complete details included in MAB 25-21-01 regarding this coverage and related procedures, visit the Provider website at [www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com](http://www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com) → Communications → MA Bulletins.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Provider Account Executive.