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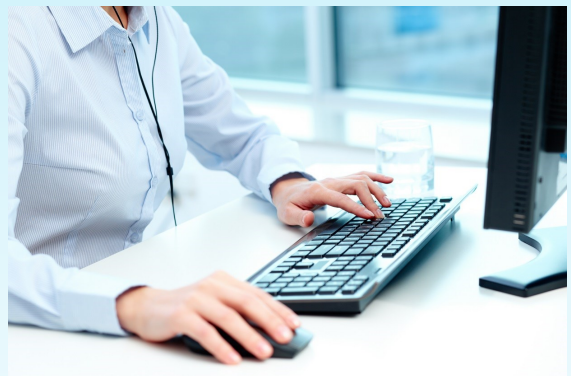
## **IHCP clarifies prior authorization criteria for specialized car seats and car beds**

Effective Aug. 19, 2022, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will update the policy for coverage of specialized car seats and car beds as durable medical equipment (DME) using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code E1399 – *Durable Medical Equipment, miscellaneous*.

This policy change will require prior authorization (PA) for fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid coverage. This DME should be replaced as required to meet the member's growing needs.

Indications to determine the medical necessity for specialized car seats and car beds must include one of the following:

- The member has significant limb spasticity, muscle flaccidity or spinal deformity that prevents safe use of a normal car seat.
- The member has had a special evaluation conducted by an independent occupational or physical therapist supporting the specific needs for the customized car seat or car bed.
- The specialized car seat or car bed is to be used for the member to promote safe transfers that cannot be accomplished through other means.



Replacements are available only when the current car seat or car bed no longer meets the need of the member, or the chair was involved in an accident making the chair unsafe to use.

The reimbursement for HCPCS code E1399 is manually priced at 75% of manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) or 120% of cost invoice. Providers must submit an invoice for the items being billed and/or the MSRP for the selected item.

Questions regarding coverage and PA requirements for all FFS IHCP enrolled members should be directed to Gainwell Technologies at 800-457-4584, option 7.

Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish PA and billing guidance within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care guidance should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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