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Defining Complex Rehab

On August 22, 2009 the NRRTS' Board of Directors adopted a definition of Complex Rehab products. This definition was adopted with the understanding that a sub-set of the current HCPCS coding structure will be identified to further define Complex Rehab.

The NRRTS definition of Complex Rehab draws on the wording of H.R. 2231, the Medicare Access to Complex Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Act of 2007, which was originally developed by the Complex Rehab industry and profession. The definition relies heavily on diagnostic- and etiological-based groupings rather than on specific diagnoses as does the original H.R. 2231 language.

Complex Rehab products include manual and power wheelchair systems, adaptive seating, alternative positioning, and other devices that require substantial evaluation, fitting, configuring, adjusting, or programming to meet the specific and unique needs of an individual with significant postural or mobility deficits.

These individuals have a primary diagnosis that:

- results from injury or trauma(1); or
- is congenital(2); or
- is traced to childhood onset(3); or
- is traced to adult onset(4); and
- is primarily musculoskeletal or neuromuscular in nature.

In establishing an individual's need for Complex Rehab products, consideration is always given to the person's diagnosis, the environments (5) in which the technology will be used, functional needs of the individual and the expected prognosis, i.e., the progression of the disease or disability involved.

Complex Rehab products are further differentiated from other durable medical equipment categories in that the provision of Complex Rehab products requires a detailed, comprehensive technology assessment of the individual to match equipment to specific therapeutic or functional goals and required outcomes.

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Complex Rehab products and services must be supplied by individuals who have specialized training, skill and knowledge as defined by NRRTS, the National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers, and as supported by other accrediting and certifying bodies.

- (1) For example, but not limited to: spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury
- (2) For example, but not limited to: muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy, spina bifida, osteogenesis imperfecta
- (3) For example, but not limited to: cerebral palsy
- (4) For example, but not limited to: amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis
- (5) Home, school, community, workplace, etc.

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