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New Policy Approved for the Acquisition of Mobility Assistive Equipment

Attention Provider Types 14, 20, 24, 33, 34 and 77: The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has approved a new policy for the acquisition of Mobility Assistive Equipment (MAE), Wheelchair Accessories and Seating Systems.

Effective Oct. 1, 2008, DHCFP will require the use of the Mobility Assessment and Prior Authorization for Mobility Devices, Wheelchair Accessories and Seating Systems (new form FH-1B) for all MAE with a reimbursement rate of \$500 or greater that require prior authorization (PA). MAE requests with a reimbursement rate less than \$500 will use the Durable Medical Equipment Prior Authorization Request (FH-1). For rates and PA requirements for specific HCPCS codes, refer to the DMEPOS Fee Schedule posted at <http://dhcfp.state.nv.us/RatesUnit.htm>.

First Health Services will continue to accept the Durable Medical Equipment Prior Authorization Request (form FH-1) for review of all MAE through Sept. 30, 2008.

The new MAE policy may be reviewed in Chapter 1300, Appendix B, online at <http://dhcfp.state.nv.us/MSM%20Table%20of%20Contents.htm>.

Clinical qualifications identified in Appendix B must be supported by documentation and submitted with PA regardless of the form used or mode of transmission.

Mobility Assessment and Prior Authorization for Mobility Devices, Wheelchair Accessories and Seating Systems (form FH-1B) and instructions will be available on First Health Services' website at <https://medicaid.nv.gov/providers/forms/forms.asp>. Please monitor this site until the form is posted.

