

To: Keystone First Durable Medical Equipment Providers

Date: March 30, 2022

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

Keystone First 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, <u>OR</u>
 - Are used to support activities of daily living; <u>AND</u>
 - 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 <u>www.keystonefirstpa.com</u> \rightarrow Resources \rightarrow Communications \rightarrow MA Bulletins.

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

Coverage by Vista Health Plan, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.