

Medical Qualification & Justification

Qualification for Rowheels:

- First, the client must qualify for a manual wheelchair, and for Medicare claims the client must be self-propelling in a manual wheelchair for at least one year.
- Second, it must be documented that **Rowheels** provides either of the following:
 1. Enhanced functionality and independence, OR
 2. Reduction in shoulder pain
- *Note: If the client's medical equipment benefit is limited to use within the home (i.e., Medicare), the medical justification must specifically state how **Rowheels** will assist the client in performing his/her Mobility Related Activities of Daily Living (MRADLs) or reduce shoulder pain while propelling within the home (consistent with Medicare's mobility algorithm). In these cases, the outdoor benefits of use will not be considered adequate justification, documentation must focus on the indoor benefits of **Rowheels** for the client.*

ATTENTION: For Medicare funding, a gear reduction drive wheel (E2227) is covered if **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has been self-propelling in a manual wheelchair for at least one year; and
- The patient has had a specialty evaluation that was performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a PT or OT, or physician who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations and that documents the need for the device in the patient's home. The PT, OT, or physician may have no financial relationship with the suppliers; and the wheelchair is provided by a supplier that employs a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Practitioner (ATP) who specializes in wheelchairs and who has direct, in-person involvement in the wheelchair/product selection for the patient.