

## August 1, 2008 DME UPDATE

Effective for **order dates** on or after August 1, 2008, **positioning bath chairs** and associated tub and shower stand additions will not be subject to medical review.

- A **positioning bath chair** is covered when the documented medical and hygiene needs of the beneficiary require proper positioning and alignment while providing a stable and safe means of support during bathing. **The Maximum Reimbursable Amount (MRA) for a small/medium positioning bath chair including seating is \$295.91. The MRA for a large positioning bath chair including seating is \$320.56.**
- **A tub stand addition is covered when** the documented medical and safety needs of the beneficiary require a tub stand and when the dimension of the beneficiary's tub will accommodate the requested stand. **The MRA for a tub stand addition is \$84.44.**
- **A shower stand addition is covered when** the documented medical and safety needs of the beneficiary require the use of a shower stand in a roll-in shower stall for bathing and when the beneficiary's shower stall is able to accommodate the requested shower stand. **The MRA for a shower stand is \$205.76.**

**To obtain a prior approval number for a positioning bath chair and stand additions, the item(s) must be coded E1399 (Durable Medical Equipment, Miscellaneous) and submitted using the following procedure:**

- a) DME provider obtains valid order and medical documentation (to maintain in their records for audit purposes) from the ordering practitioner;
- b) DME provider submits a prior approval request containing a copy of valid order and **either** a manufacturer's price quote **or** the item's make and model;
- c) These items must be submitted singularly on one line on a separate prior approval from all other prior approval items;
- d) The DME Provider will be issued a prior approval priced up to the established MRA and may bill Medicaid upon dispensing.

**Questions? Contact the Medical Prior Approval Bureau at 1-800-342-3005, option 1**