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Lift Chair (aka Seat Lift Mechanism) Insurance Coverage Criteria

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Prescription of Ordered Item – lift chair or seat lift mechanism

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Medical Records Documenting:

1. The patient must have severe arthritis of the hip or knee OR have a severe neuromuscular disease.
2. The seat lift mechanism must be a part of the treating practioner's course of treatment and prescribed to effect improvement or arrest or retard deterioration in the patient's condition.
3. The patient must be completely incapable of standing from a regular armchair or any chair in their home. (The fact that a patient has difficult or is even incapable of getting up from a chair particularly a low chair is not sufficient justification for a seat lift mechanism. Almost all patients who are capable of ambulating can get out of an ordinary chair if the seat height is appropriate and the chair has arm.)
4. Once standing the patient must have the ability to ambulate.

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Letter of Medical Necessity
(Form supplied by Gammie HomeCare if documentation qualifies for coverage)

Special Notes:

- The treating practioner ordering the seat lift mechanism must be the treating practioner for the disease or condition resulting in the need for a seat lift.
- The treating practioner's record must document that all appropriate therapeutic modalities (i.e. medication, physical therapy, etc.) have been tried and failed to engage the patient to transfer from a chair to a standing position.
- Insurance coverage for this code E0627 does not always cover the entirety of the chair and the patient may have out of pocket expenses related to this item.