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AMENDMENT MEMO



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The bill clarifies that “power seat elevation and power standing components of power wheelchairs” are included within the definition of “complex rehabilitation technology,” (CRT) which is a Medical Assistance benefit category under current law. The bill also provides that the Department of Health Services shall defer to the determination of a physician regarding the medical necessity of a CRT item or service for a complex needs patient.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that, when a complex needs patient is in need of new CRT, the patient shall obtain prior authorization as set forth under the bill and current law. The amendment also provides that the medical necessity determinations covered in the bill may be made by a “qualified health care professional,” as defined under current law, instead of a physician.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Testin on January 21, 2020. On January 23, 2020, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

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