AN ACT to create 49.45 (9r) (e) of the statutes; relating to: reimbursement of wheelchairs and power mobility devices for recipients of Medical Assistance who reside in a nursing home.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 49.45 (9r) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

49.45 (9r) (e) The department shall, consistent with this subsection and without imposing any additional requirements or restrictions under this subsection, reimburse a provider for a complex rehabilitation technology with prior authorization when prescribed by a physician, medically necessary, and used by a recipient of Medical Assistance who is a resident of a nursing home if the complex rehabilitation technology will do any of the following:

1. Contribute to the recipient’s independent completion of activities of daily living.

2. Support the recipient’s occupational, vocational, or psychosocial activities.

3. Provide the recipient the independent ability to move about the facility, or to attain or retain self-care.