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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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### 2021 Wisconsin Act 88 [2021 Senate Bill 103]

### Medical Assistance for Wheelchairs in Nursing Homes

2021 Wisconsin Act 88 requires the Medical Assistance program to cover complex rehabilitation technology for a resident in a nursing home. Complex rehabilitation technology generally includes manual and power wheelchairs, adaptive seating systems, alternative positioning systems, and other seating and standing devices that are individually configured and designed to meet specific and unique medical needs.

To be covered by Medical Assistance, the device must be medically necessary and be prescribed by a physician. The device must contribute to the resident's independent completion of activities of daily living, support the resident's occupational, vocational, or psychosocial activities, or provide the resident with the independent ability to move about the facility or attain or retain self-care.

Coverage is subject to prior authorization.

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