

## **Letter of Justification of Durable Medical Equipment**

**Date of Letter:** 05/19/200

**Requested Equipment:** Quickie Iris SE Tilt-in-Space MWC with accessories

**Dear Medicare/Medicaid Administrator:**

### **Introduction:**

Yolanda is a 33-year-old non-ambulatory female with diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, Profound MR and Seizure D/O. She resides with her family in a wheelchair accessible residence located at 555 ABC Road.

Yolanda was referred to the "ABC" Equipment Clinic for an evaluation of a manual tilt in space wheelchair. She is currently positioned in a PDG Stellar tilt in space wheelchair (serial # 13970), issued 6/24/04 by ABC Medical. This wheelchair is in a state of disrepair secondary to a rusted frame and cracked metal parts. This chair would not be cost effective to repair. A new manual tilt in space wheelchair is required for safety, comfort, and to prevent skin breakdown and mobility within her residence.

### **Clinical/Functional Status:**

Yolanda is non-ambulatory and utilizes a manual MWC for all her mobility needs. She is unable to use a cane or a walker due to severe upper and lower extremity Quadriplegia. She is dependent in all areas of self-care and activities of daily living including MRADLs.

Yolanda has severe hypertonicity throughout her body. Her bilateral lower extremities are non-functional. She needs maximal assistance to maintain unsupported trunk control secondary to poor lateral trunk strength.

She needs a new tilt in space MWC with an appropriate custom seating system to assist her in performing ADLs and MRADLs within her home such as feeding, grooming, toileting, and pressure relief seating system.

Yolanda is unable to perform a functional weight shift and is at high risk of developing pressure ulcers. She requires frequent positioning changes of her body during the day to prevent skin breakdown and requires the assistance of others to perform these duties throughout the day. She needs a new tilt in space wheelchair with an appropriate seating system to assist her in performing ADLs and MRADLs within her residence including feeding, grooming, toileting, and pressure relief.

### **Equipment Recommendations:**

**BioDynamics Flat Lateral Trunk Support with Hardware:** will help maintain his trunk in neutral alignment in order to prevent further skeletal deformities. The hardware is necessary to provide increased durability when Yolanda leans to either side due to her poor trunk control and postural instability.

**BioDynamics Bioform headrest large with Adjustable Hardware:** Yolanda will require a headrest for posterior head support when being tilted.

**BioDynamics Flat Lateral Hip/Thigh Support with Hardware:** These are indicated for proper positioning and alignment of the pelvis. Without the hip guides Yolanda will require a headrest for posterior head support when being tilted.

**BioDynamics Flat Lateral Hip/Thigh Support with Hardware:** These are indicated for proper positioning and alignment of the pelvis. Without the hip guides, Yolanda would be at high risk for further orthopedic deformity with regard to increased pelvic obliquity and scoliosis.

**BioDynamics-ST-HD Custom Seat:** This seat cushion will help to evenly distribute pressure, reduce sacral sitting, and assist in proper postural positioning. Yolanda has CP and is not able to carry out a functional eight shift. Yolanda cannot use an off the shelf seating system because she presents with pelvic obliquity and hip rotation which will require a custom made seat to accommodate her deformities.

**BioDynamics-ST-HD Custom Back:** Proper positioning of her back is necessary to support the trunk and provide optimal postural alignment. This is necessary as Yolanda presents with decreased trunk control, kyphosis, high tone, and rotation in her spine; as a result, she cannot utilize an off the shelf seating system. An off the shelf back will not meet her positioning needs, therefore Yolanda requires a custom made back to support her curvatures and provide proper support.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to call us at 555-555-5555 if you require further information.

Sincerely,