**August 1, 2008 DME UPDATE**

Effective for **order dates** on or after August 1, 2008, **positioning bath chairs** and associated tub and shower stand additions will not be subject to medical review.

- **A positioning bath chair** is covered when the documented medical and hygiene needs of the beneficiary require proper positioning and alignment while providing a stable and safe means of support during bathing. **The Maximum Reimbursable Amount (MRA)** for a small/medium positioning bath chair including seating is $295.91. The MRA for a large positioning bath chair including seating is $320.56.

- **A tub stand addition is covered when** the documented medical and safety needs of the beneficiary require a tub stand and when the dimension of the beneficiary’s tub will accommodate the requested stand. **The MRA for a tub stand addition is $84.44.**

- **A shower stand addition is covered when** the documented medical and safety needs of the beneficiary require the use of a shower stand in a roll-in shower stall for bathing and when the beneficiary’s shower stall is able to accommodate the requested shower stand. **The MRA for a shower stand is $205.76.**

To obtain a prior approval number for a positioning bath chair and stand additions, the item(s) must be coded E1399 (Durable Medical Equipment, Miscellaneous) and submitted using the following procedure:

a) DME provider obtains valid order and medical documentation (to maintain in their records for audit purposes) from the ordering practitioner;

b) DME provider submits a prior approval request containing a copy of valid order and either a manufacturer’s price quote or the item’s make and model;

c) These items must be submitted singularly on one line on a separate prior approval from all other prior approval items;

d) The DME Provider will be issued a prior approval priced up to the established MRA and may bill Medicaid upon dispensing.

**Questions? Contact the Medical Prior Approval Bureau at 1-800-342-3005, option 1**