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FACE-TO-FACE EXAM GUIDE for Medicare Power Mobility Device (Power Wheelchair)

(Medicare will not consider Power Mobility requests unless **ALL POINTS** below are covered in the PT Eval / F2F exam)

1. What is beneficiary's mobility limitations and how does it interfere with the performance of activities of daily living (such as bathing, cooking, feeding, cleaning, dressing, transferring from room to room or from bed to chair)?
2. Why can't a cane or walker meet beneficiary's mobility needs in the home? *If not tried, explain why.*
3. Why can't an optimally configured manual wheelchair meet beneficiary's mobility needs in the home? *If not tried, explain why.*
4. Does beneficiary have the physical and mental abilities to operate a power wheelchair safely in the home?
5. Symptoms that limit ambulation
6. Diagnoses that are responsible for these symptoms
7. Progression of ambulation difficulty over time (*i.e. over the past weeks/months/years how has ambulation become difficult*)
8. Other diagnoses which may relate to ambulatory problems
9. How far the beneficiary can walk without stopping with walker/wheelchair
10. What ambulatory assistance (cane, walker, wheelchair, caregiver) is currently used?
11. What has changed to now require use of a power mobility device?
12. Ability to stand up from a seated position without assistance- showing that he/she can use a power wheelchair
13. Physical examination that is relevant to mobility needs
14. Document any fall history
15. I concur with the PT evaluation done on ____/____/____.

The evaluation should depict the beneficiary's functional abilities and limitations on a typical day (please include as much objective data as possible). The physical examination should be focused on body systems responsible for the beneficiary's ambulatory difficulty.