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## **The Following is the exact verbiage from the Medicare LCD for qualifying coverage criteria for a SEAT LIFT MECHANISM:**

A seat lift mechanism is covered by Medicare if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The beneficiary must have severe arthritis of the hip or knee or have a severe neuromuscular disease.
2. The seat lift mechanism must be a part of the treating practitioner's course of treatment and be prescribed to effect improvement, or arrest or retard deterioration in the patient's condition.
3. The beneficiary must be completely incapable of standing up from a regular armchair or any chair in their home. (The fact that a patient has difficulty or is even incapable of getting up from a chair, particularly a low chair, is not sufficient justification for a seat lift mechanism. Almost all beneficiaries who are capable of ambulating can get out of an ordinary chair if the seat height is appropriate and the chair has arms.)
4. Once standing, the beneficiary must have the ability to ambulate.