

S.247 & H.R.1703

Choices for Increased Mobility Act of 2025

Requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish specific billing codes under Medicare for certain materials used in ultralightweight manual wheelchairs.



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The Issue

The **Choices for Increased Mobility Act of 2025** is needed to address the limitations in Medicare coverage for ultralightweight manual wheelchairs. Currently, Medicare does not have specific billing codes for different materials used in these wheelchairs, which can lead to inadequate reimbursement and higher out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries. By establishing distinct billing codes for wheelchair bases made with materials like titanium or carbon fiber, the bill aims to ensure more accurate reimbursement, reduce financial burdens on beneficiaries, and improve access to high-quality mobility aids.

The Ask

S.247 and H.R.1703 aim to enhance Medicare coverage for ultralightweight manual wheelchairs by requiring the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish specific billing codes for materials used in these wheelchairs.

The bills mandate at least two billing codes for the wheelchair base, distinguishing between bases made with titanium or carbon fiber and those without. Suppliers will receive the same payment under Medicare but may bill beneficiaries for any difference between the payment and the actual charge. Additionally, CMS may require suppliers to inform beneficiaries of their potential financial liability.

