Definition of Standard Wheelchair

“Standard wheelchair” means a wheelchair that: (A) is comprised of commercially available components; (B) is constructed to withstand normal daily use; and (C) has standard wheelchair dimensions and features as determined in writing by the department in a policy guidance document posted on its website or otherwise made available to providers; (17b-262-1020(36)

The following manual wheelchairs types are considered “standard” wheelchairs:

a) Upright standard weight, lightweight or high strength lightweight wheelchairs: 15” to 24” seat width, 16” to 20” seat depth, and 16” to 18” back height
b) Reclining wheelchair: 15” to 24” seat width, 16” to 20” seat depth, and up to 34” back height
c) Upright standard weight wheelchairs with weight capacity up to 250 pounds using measurements in (a)
d) Upright standard heavy duty wheelchairs with weight capacity up to 450 pounds using measurements in (a)
e) Low or ‘hemi’ seat height wheelchairs using measurements in (a)

These standard wheelchairs can also include, but not limited to, specific wheelchair features including:

- wheel locks
- fixed, adjustable height, swing away, and/or detachable armrests
- fixed, elevated, swing away, and/or detachable footrests/legrests
- axle plate adjustment for persons with amputations