

CHAPTER 7
SECTION 3.3

ELECTRIC-POWERED, CART-TYPE VEHICLES

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I. POLICY

Benefits may be extended for electric-powered, cart-type vehicles as an alternative to an electric wheelchair.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE **October 1, 1980.**

III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Benefit determinations must be based on the following:

A. It is determined that the patient cannot, from a medical standpoint, use a standard, non-electric wheelchair; and

B. The physician has determined that this particular type of vehicle best meets the patient's medical needs.

C. Claims must be sufficiently documented to confirm that a proper evaluation of the patient's medical and physical condition has been made ascertaining that the patient requires such a vehicle and is capable of handling it safely.

D. Benefits will not be extended for the use of both an electric-powered, cart-type vehicle and an electric wheelchair during the same period of time.

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