

OCTOBER 1 IS THE BEGINNING OF A SLIPPERY SLOPE



Restrictive healthcare policy changes scheduled to take effect on October 1 will “downcode” the Medicare mobility benefit and force seniors and others disabled Americans of all ages into inadequate power wheelchairs and scooters. These Medicare beneficiaries may become ‘prisoners’ in their homes when Medicare provided equipment is shown to be not durable enough for outside use. And some individuals suffering from degenerative diseases, such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease or cerebral palsy, may no longer even qualify for a power chair.

These Medicare policy changes must be stopped – American’s have a right to a policy that:

- ♿ **Provides mobility equipment to those who need it most**
- ♿ **Insures that a functional criteria determines eligibility**
- ♿ **Protects against possible fraudulent claims**
- ♿ **Doesn’t make people prisoners in their homes**

Before access is restricted to the mobility impaired, we need people to call CMS, their Senators and Members of Congress. This policy must be revised!

The Mobility Impaired Must Be Able to Keep Their Mobility!