

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) Appropriate Wheelchair Provision Standards

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1	FWM wheelchair providers will screen applicants.
2	FWM wheelchair providers will correctly assemble and adjust the wheelchair for each individual.
3	FWM wheelchair providers will not give an unassembled wheelchair to the end user or to any untrained sub-distribution partner.
4	<p>FWM wheelchair providers will not knowingly give a wheelchair to someone with a pressure sore located on a weight bearing area. The partner needs to refer to a medical professional.</p> <p>***It is important that a person is referred to a medical professional no matter where the pressure sore has formed.</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cleared by a medical professional. 2) The pressure sore has healed.
5	<p>FWM wheelchair providers will not give a FWM basic wheelchair to someone who cannot safely sit up or safely hold their head upright, unless the partner is trained to provide adaptations and has been approved by the Medical Programs Manager or Free Wheelchair Mission Regional Trainer.</p> <p>If the individual is put into an unsafe situation, you should NOT PROVIDE A WHEELCHAIR. The partner should refer out for an appropriate wheelchair (or a partner who can provide necessary supports).</p>
6	Wheelchair providers will never charge the end user for the wheelchair or wheelchair service.
7	Wheelchair providers will ensure that all individuals who receive a wheelchair will also receive training on body care, pressure relief exercises and education, mobility skills, and transfers.