

Equipment Prescribing Guidelines

Equipment: Rise and Recline Chair All CHAIRS ARE A SPECIAL ORDER. Prescribers must consider alternatives before ordering a chair.

Indications for Use	Indications for Non-Use	Further Action to be Taken	Alternatives
<p>Powered Rise and Recline chairs can only be issued from CES store by special order following a seating assessment IF;</p> <p>Service user has a FACS eligible need for a powered lifting mechanism AND a tilt in space movement is required to maintain a good seating position.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Service user has a FACS eligible need to raise their legs when seated AND use of a separate foot stool has been assessed as unsuitable due to; position of hips when seated, risk of tripping over stool or difficulty getting footstool into position without assistance.</p> <p>Always ; Measure, Consider and Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seat height ➤ Seat depth ➤ Length required from back of seat to end of foot rest ➤ Armrest height ➤ Backrest height ➤ Type of backrest ➤ Angle of backrest ➤ Whether dual or single motor is required. ➤ Service user's ability to use hand set. ➤ Chair cover requirements relating to transfers, continence, skin condition. ➤ Check position of wall sockets. ➤ Potential trip hazards and entrapment issues. 	<p>Powered chair cannot be ordered IF;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service user has a suitable chair. • Service user could consider private rental or purchase of a suitable chair • Service user's existing static chair could be raised to a suitable height for posture and transfers. • Service user's existing chair could have Macnish Chair Raiser fitted to assist from sitting to standing. • Cut to size foam or other seating support systems could be used to support a good posture when seated on existing chair. • Service user's position in recliner chair might lead to poor posture or tissue viability issues. • Service user is not able to operate controls or maintain a suitable position when seated in a powered rise and recline chair and does not have a carer to operate hand set. • Plug or flex from powered chair would cause a trip hazard. • Size and position of rise and recline chair would compromise access in and out of the room • Size or shape of chair leads to poor posture or tissue viability issues. • Service user is sleeping in the chair for the entire night; consider tissue viability issues and check with ILC for alternatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAIRS ARE ALWAYS A SPECIAL ORDER AND MUST BE AUTHORISED by Independent Living Centre before special order can be considered. Prescriber must demonstrate that a seating assessment has been carried out and standard equipment such furniture raisers and Macnish raisers are not appropriate. • Prescriber must carry out a seating assessment OR refer to an Occupational Therapist with seating knowledge to carry out an assessment. • If FACS eligible for a specific rise and recline chair following seating assessment, the ILC will check CES recycled specials to find one to meet need. • When ordering chair prescriber must give specific make, model and size and if this is not known then the prescriber must include all measurements and details of chair and movement required. • If service user is sleeping in a chair at night consider options to encourage bed use; bed transfers/positioning, use of toilet/commode, tissue viability issues. If sleeping in a chair is service user's choice then private chair rental or purchase should be encouraged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate sized standard chair could be acquired by service user through private rental or purchase • Standard chair raisers could be issued to ensure correct seating position and to make transfers easier. • Macnish chair raising unit could be issued, to fit to service user's existing chair to make transfers easier and safer. • Support systems could be added to service user's existing chair to maintain/achieve appropriate seating position. • Consider and assess for alternative transfer options eg; stand assist, grab rails, Hi-low walker. • Look at bed transfers and positioning options for people who spend the night in their chair.