Australian Government

**Recliner Chair Assessment Form** 

**RAP Mobility & Functional Support Products** 

Recliner Chairs require DVA prior approval

**Department of Veterans' Affairs** 

Provider Hotline Number: 1300 550 457 (metro) 1800 550 457 (country) - choose Option 1 for Aids & Appliances provided under the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP).

This form is to be used for requesting items through the Rehabilitation Appliances Program. For prior approval items, please attach clinical justification or use DVA specified forms.

The provider is responsible for ensuring that the client is aware that their personal information is to be forwarded to DVA, and companies authorised by DVA to deliver products, for determining and/or providing benefits under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986. The information will be treated in a confidential manner. However, in certain circumstances it may be used for clinical review, audit or management purposes or disclosed to the client's local medical officer.

Supplier choice: Aidacare Allia	anz Global Assistar	ance 🗌 Country Care Group 📄 ParaQuad
Provider Details		
OT PT LMO Oth	er (Specify Profes	ssion)
Provider Stamp (if applicable)	Name	
	Provider number	
	Employer	
	Address	
		POSTCODE
	Phone number	[ ] Fax [ ]
	Mobile number	
	E-mail	
Entitled Person/Delivery Details		
	Surname	
	Given name(s)	
	Date of birth	
	DVA file number	
	Gender	Male Female
	Card type	Gold White - please contact DVA to check eligibility under the client's Accepted Disability(ies). Please call <b>1300 550 457</b> (as above).
Does the entitled person live in a Resident	ial Care Facility?	
Does the entitled person receive help	under the EACH package?	NO Service Ser
Entitled person's contac	t phone number	Alternative contact No.
	idential address	
		POSTCODE
	Delivery address	
	ifferent to above)	

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**Note:** The sit to stand task has been described as essential for independent living. Impairment in this area if often associated with impairment in ADLs and mobility which can lead to institutionalisation. It is therefore important that active performance of this function is maintained as long as possible.

Prolonged reclining can result in weakened spinal stability muscles, potentially exacerbating back pain. For the elderly, reclining can also have negative effects on vestibular, circulation (BP) and respiratory systems. Hence the prescription of Electric Lift Recliners Chairs should only be made after careful assessment, trial of simpler options and consideration of remedial therapy to restore/maintain physical function.

Diagnosis/Medical History/Prognosis	
Diagnosis	
Specify period post surgery/hospital admission	
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Is the beneficiary's ability likely to improve with treatment or time (e.g. post THR)?	No Yes
Is the beneficiary under palliative care?	No Yes
Is there a clinical need to elevate the legs?	No Yes
	Comments
Social Situation	
Does the Beneficiary live:	alone accompanied - what is the carer's general health and
	ability to assist?
Where does the Beneficiary live?	House/Unit Retirement village
	Other - please specify
Clinical and Functional Assessment	
Please describe Upper Limb Function (dexterity,	
strength, co-ordination)	

Surname	DVA File number
Please describe Lower Limb Function (range of movement, strength, balance)	
Is Physio/Excercise Physiologist	No
strengthening/maintenance program received/arranged?	Yes Please describe
Is this request supported by the veteran's	
Physiotherapist?	No Unsure
	Yes Attach evidence
Please describe mobility indoors and outdoors (include mobility aids used and distance)	
Personal ADL	
Describe community access	
Activity levels and sitting tolerance/regimen (describe the person's daily activity pattern and	
use of any footstool)	
Has a Homefront assessment been completed?	No Yes Unsure

Surname
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		D	VA File number	
Transfers		Independent	Aids Used	Assisted
	Bed			
	Toilet			
	Shower Seat			
	Car			
	Is the Benefic	iary currently drivi	ng?	
	No Y	′es		

## **Current seating & transfer skills**

Chair type/location	Condition of chair	Compressed seat height	Seat depth	Can the person independently transfer from this chair?
				No Yes
				No Yes
				No Yes

	Can the person safely transfer from these chairs?		
	No Yes		
	Has the Beneficiary had falls whils	t transferring?	
	No Yes		
	Comments		
Beneficiary's weight	kg		
Seated Anthropometric Measurements	Popliteal height (seated)	Hip/thigh width (seated)	
	cm	cm	
	Upper leg length (seated)	Height to top of head (seated)	
	cm	cm	

## Clinical Justification for Recliner Chair Please describe chair transfers (include any assistance required, upper limb function and lower limb function)

Surname		DVA File number
Strateg	ies considered to improve chair transfers	Platform/blocks to raise existing chair
		Adjustable height chair
		Other
results	ne person have a clinical condition that in the need to <i>frequently change position</i> whilst seated to manage <u>pain</u> levels?	Yes Please outline the clinical basis
(NB stra	ategies considered standing, recline on a lounge/bed, back supports, cushions)	
If rec	iner is required for sleeping, comment on the bed modifications trialled.	
	nent on bed mods trialled, height, back ushions, pressure mattress, adjustable hospital bed)	
Asses	sment of Ability to Operate a Reclin	ner Chair
Does t	he beneficiary have adequate physical skills to safely operate the chair?	No Yes

Yes

No

## Does the beneficiary have adequate cognitive ability to safely operate the chair?

Is there a power point within reach of an electrically operated chair?

Specify which DVA contracted ERC you plan to trial

n ?	No Yes
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## Certification

I certify that the client has been clinically assessed and that the RAP National Schedule of Equipment and RAP National Guidelines have been taken into account.

Signature

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Date / /

Surname		DVA File number		
Recommend	ations (DVA use only)			
Trial ACC	09 DVA contracted manual recliner chair: le	ever Push back		
Trial ACC	06 DVA contracted electric lift recliner Chair	recommended		
Other ree	commendation			
Hand control	ls: Right Left			
Additional Re	equirements (e.g. cushioning, pressure care	e, back support)		
Trial Outcom	ne (DVA Use only)			
Chair code				
Supplier				
	Yes Date / /			