

Power chairs are not for everyone.

Power chairs are covered under some health insurance plans for those who require them for mobility. To qualify for a power chair you must meet several criteria:

- Your physician must examine you and determine there is a medical need for the chair. Usually the Physical Therapist is also involved to assess your ability to operate a chair.
- A physician prescription is necessary.
- Edgemoor provides clinical and financial information to the power chair company to support medical necessity.

There is a lot of waiting involved in the process of obtaining a power chair as the outside vendor works with the insurance companies. There is a process of getting a TAR (Treatment Authorization Request) to the State. Many times it is initially denied or there is often a request for more information. There is little or nothing Edgemoor can do to speed up this process. Edgemoor does not endorse a particular vendor. It is your responsibility to follow up with the vendor .

In most cases, long term residents of skilled nursing facilities are not eligible for power chairs. Residents who are planning to discharge to the community may be able to get one then. If you are not eligible for a power chair through your payor, you may choose to personally purchase a power chair.

No matter how you acquire your chair, you need to be assessed to assure the chair is safe and you are a safe driver of it before you can use the power chair at Edgemoor.

Local vendors for power chairs:

Mobility Solutions - 858-278-0591

Ability Center - 866-405-6806

Professional Medical Supply - 619-440-0400

National Seating and Mobility - 858-689-7070

ATG Rehab - 858-571-6544

Vision

Live Well San Diego: A region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving

Mission

To efficiently provide public services that build strong and sustainable communities

Values

Integrity, Stewardship and Commitment

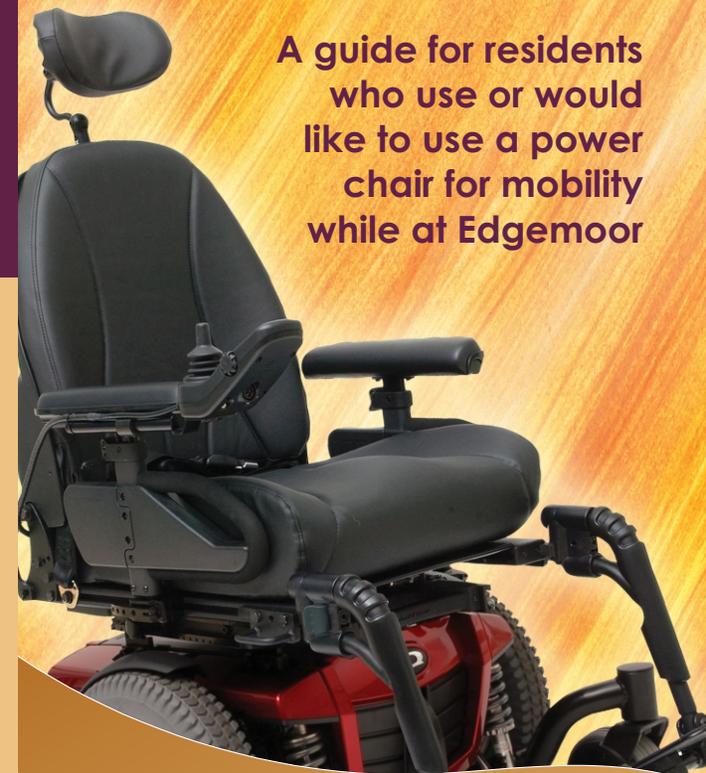


Information about Edgemoor DP SNF is available on www.medicare.gov/NHcompare.asp
Edgemoor has been given the highest award for quality, five stars, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Edgemoor DP SNF is the proud recipient of the American Health Care Association National Quality Silver and Bronze Awards for our quality improvement efforts.



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A guide for residents who use or would like to use a power chair for mobility while at Edgemoor

Power
Chairs
and You

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DP SNF

What If I have a power chair and it breaks?

If your power chair breaks, the repair will need to be made through the wheelchair vendor of your choice. Edgemoor staff cannot fix it for you. New chairs will have a warranty and you can also buy service agreements to cover routine repairs. In addition to labor and service costs you may also have to pay for parts or upgrades to your chair. It is your choice to determine whether or not a service plan meets your needs. Some vendors have loaner chairs that can be used while your chair is being repaired. Edgemoor does not have loaner power chairs but we can furnish you with a manual wheelchair at any time.

Using a power chair at Edgemoor is your choice and Edgemoor is not responsible for the replacement of any parts or repairs. If you damage the Edgemoor facility or the power chairs of other residents with your power chair you may be held responsible for the cost of repairs to fix any damage you have caused. Using a power chair at Edgemoor is a privilege.

Please plan to sign our power chair agreement so that you may safely use your power chair during your stay at Edgemoor!

What Edgemoor will do?

Edgemoor staff will check that your charger is safe to use and assist with daily charging. Staff will wipe down the chair, removing dirt and debris. Staff will assist residents to get in/out of chair.

Edgemoor can assist with training in chair use, safety assessments and will store the resident's chair if the resident is unable to use the chair for short periods of time. If your chair runs out of battery power or breaks while you are off the Edgemoor Campus, Edgemoor staff are not available to come and get you or your wheelchair.

NOTICE:

EDGEMOOR is a healthcare facility. Many of the residents are in manual wheelchairs and have poor balance when standing. As a result, power chair speeds need to be held below 3 miles per hour (moderate walking pace) inside the building. Slow down around corners or near other residents. Due to vehicular traffic in the parking lots, speed limits of 5 miles per hour (faster walking speed) must be observed outside the building on Edgemoor grounds. If you fail to control the speed of your power chair, the power chair can be adjusted to lower the speed or you may lose the privilege to use your chair in the building.



**DO NOT LEAVE
CAMPUS WITHOUT
FULLY CHARGING
YOUR POWER CHAIR!**

What happens if my health declines?

Safe operation of a power chair takes skill. We have a computer program that assesses whether a person can safely operate a power chair. You should not drive when you feel sick, when you are sleepy, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or if you are taking new medications which affect your thinking or alertness. While at Edgemoor, if your health or ability to operate a power chair declines, the privilege to use a power chair will be withdrawn from you. If your health and ability improves your status will be reviewed by your physician, physical therapist and nurse to assure you are safe to operate it. Edgemoor cannot offer power chair storage for chairs that are not approved for use for our residents.

Can I give my chair to another resident at Edgemoor?

Your chair is your personal property and you may loan it or give to any individual you desire, but if this is another Edgemoor resident, they must be cleared to operate the power chair on the grounds. In order to minimize confusion and conflict, Edgemoor requests written notification if you are loaning or giving the power chair to another person. Damage to your power chair is your responsibility. Your power chair will be treated as your property and you will be responsible for the cost of repair and maintenance on the power chair. ***The notice to transfer ownership of a chair must include the power chair's serial number for Medicare/Medi-Cal records.***