

## **Workman's Comp Funding for a Power Wheelchair with iLevel:**

**Workers' compensation** is a form of insurance providing wage replacement and medical benefits to employees injured in the course of employment in exchange for mandatory relinquishment of the employee's right to sue his or her employer for the tort of negligence.

Workers' compensation is a state-mandated insurance program that provides compensation to employees who suffer job-related injuries and illnesses. While the federal government administers a workers' comp program for federal and certain other types of employees, each state has its own laws and programs for workers' compensation.

For up-to-date information on workers' comp in your state, contact your state's workers' compensation office via the [State Workers' Compensation Officials](#) page of the U.S. Department of Labor's website.

A Life Care Plan (LCP) is a tool used to project and estimating the medical and non-medical needs of the person with a catastrophic injury utilizing a consistent and scientific approach. The Life Care Plan addresses and projects the costs and frequency of needed goods and services over the estimated lifespan. It is a guide for the patient, family, caregivers, and payor source to follow to ensure that funds will be available over the patient's lifetime.

Life care planning is the process of assessing the rehabilitation and long-term needs for reasonable and necessary goods and services of a person who has sustained a catastrophic injury or who has chronic health problems. The purpose of the life-care plan is to help the individual achieve his or her best health and/or maximum level of independence.

The most common conditions requiring a Life Care Plan include but are not limited to, catastrophic injuries, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, amputations, burns, chronic pain conditions, neonatal and pediatric conditions such as cerebral palsy, and conditions affecting geriatric populations.

Areas of the LCP to be addressed include the following:

Projected therapeutic modalities, Diagnostic testing, Wheelchair Needs, Wheelchair Accessories and Maintenance, Aids for Independent Functioning, Orthotics/Prosthetics, Home Furnishings and Accessories, Drug/Supply Needs, Home Care/Facility Care, Future Medical Care, Transportation, Health and Strength Maintenance, Architectural Renovations, Potential Complications, Future Medical Care/ Surgical Intervention or Aggressive Treatment, Orthopedic Equipment Needs, Vocational/Educational Plan

With a Life Care Plan, an individual's long-term medical needs are anticipated and provided for, including proactive treatment and preventive care to help achieve a maximum state of health and well-being. Because the life-care plan projects future health care needs, it also identifies health risks that could have an impact on the patient's future needs. Implementing prevention steps can mediate those health risks.