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Funding alternative for Permobil Explorer Mini

As a prescription-only medical device, that has been demonstrated safe for intended use via human factors validation studies, the Explorer Mini can be submitted for insurance coverage. However, there is not currently an HCPCS code available that provides insurance coverage for the Explorer Mini. A miscellaneous code can be used, but coverage will depend upon the funding source. In addition, there have been payer sources who have already approved the device with a variety of billing codes.

While insurance may cover the Explorer Mini, the lengthy process of approving power mobility devices consumes valuable development time. Currently, the average time it takes for a power mobility device to be approved is 3-6 months, and it can be significantly longer with some funding sources. Given this critical period of development in a young child's life, you don't want to lose that much time trying to get the Explorer Mini covered by insurance. You may be able to purchase the Explorer Mini out of pocket and submit a claim for reimbursement to insurance. However, prior to doing this, you should verify the policy of the appropriate payer.

Another consideration for alternative funding for the Explorer Mini is charitable options or state-specific grants such as early intervention. For out of pocket alternatives, consider using a Flexible Spending Account or Health Savings Account. Leasing finance options such as Care Credit can be another option. Permobil has compiled a list of alternative funding options that can also be explored. You can find it here: *Click* for an alternative funding resource.

At Permobil, we value the importance of early childhood development and we want the Explorer Mini accessible to everyone. To help achieve that, we have priced it significantly below the cost of traditional power mobility devices on the market today.

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