

### **Consumers eligible for Category 4 Ultra Lightweight Wheelchairs are those who:**

1. Are full time (8 hours or more/day) independent users **and**
2. a) Are active indoors and out and frequently propel into the community alone  
**Or**  
b) Are able to self propel but have physical/functional limitations that preclude the use of a Category 1 or a Category 2 wheelchair. (e.g. Exhibit extensive upper and lower limb involvement which limits their physical ability to self propel – documented by a standard muscle test) **and**
3. Require a category 4 chair as indicated by an Occupational or a Physiotherapist assessment **and**
4. Functional performances will be increased as a result of utilizing the features that this category provides.

**Note: priority will be given to those applicants who require the wheelchair for school and/or work.**

**To submit a request for all new and exchange requests for Category 4 ultra lightweight wheelchairs, complete the “Category 4 Ultra light Wheelchair Request Form – Rigid and Folding Frames” application.**

Note: A reminder that category 4 wheelchairs will not be supplied as a back-up wheelchair for those consumers utilizing a motorized wheelchair, even if the consumer has one on loan prior to approval of motorized wheelchair.

### **Consumers Eligible for Pediatric Wheelchairs:**

In an attempt to limit the number of exchanges required for children due to growth, the MWP offers the Quickie GS wheelchair for all children regardless of their usage profile. All requests for the Quickie GS will need to be reviewed or completed by a therapist from the Rehab Centre for Children (RCC). Children requiring a back up chair for a power chair will be provided a recycled manual wheelchair from the equipment pool. This wheelchair could be a category 1, 2 or 4. Provision of a category 4 recycled wheelchair does not guarantee that the same type of wheelchair will be provided for future exchange requests. Please make families aware of this.

At the present time, SMD Wheelchair Services has been authorized by the WRHA to supply a very limited number of category 4 Quickie GS chairs for pediatric applicants. Priority for provision of wheelchairs in this category will be given to new applicants who have not yet been issued a wheelchair from SMD, or from any other source. Applications for exchange of present wheelchair will be evaluated and category 4 ultra lightweight wheelchairs will be provided to suitable applicants, as they are available. SMD will maintain a waiting list if the eligible applicants requesting an exchange of wheelchair cannot be supplied at the time of application.