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Wheelchair Provision Process

Wheelchair programming is a critical process for individuals with special needs. It is a procedure that requires collaboration and proper timing. Technical experts and healthcare practitioners work with various organizations to ensure that the communities access these facilities. The process of handing the wheelchairs to individuals with special needs differs between countries. The differences come in the form of time and the process taken to provide these facilities to the individuals. We shall discuss the process of the individual provision in three different countries and identify the differences.

Germany

The country follows an 8-step process provided by the World Health Organization. This is as follows:

1. Appointment and referral: This involves patients referring to the institutions that provide wheelchairs. In Germany, patients are referred through healthcare institutions.
2. Assessment: This involves evaluating the patient's environment, condition, and lifestyle. In Germany, trained personnel carry out this process.
3. Prescription: This involves the selection of the right wheelchair for the patient. In Germany, wheelchair service personnel play a significant role in prescribing the right wheelchair.

4. Ordering and Funding: This involves obtaining finances from various sources and ordering the wheelchair. In Germany, non-governmental organizations are the primary sources of funds.
5. Preparation of the product: This involves modifying the wheelchair regarding different postures, and fittings among others. In Germany, trained personnel are given this work.
6. Fitting: This involves the final assembly and fitting. Trained personnel carry out this job.
7. User Training: The patient is given specialized training on using the wheelchair. Healthcare institutions in Germany are responsible for training the users.
8. Repairs, Maintenance, and Follow-Up: This involves providing repair and maintenance services to the wheelchairs and following up on the users. The wheelchair service providers offer these services.

The United States

1. Appointment and referral: In the U.S., different institutions providing healthcare services are responsible for referring patients.
2. Assessment: Trained personnel and technicians carry out this process.
3. Prescription: Health institutions prescribe the right wheelchairs for patients.
4. Ordering and Funding: Non-governmental organizations and insurance funds such as Medicare and Medicaid are the primary sources of funds.
5. Preparation of the product: Trained personnel and technicians prepare the wheelchairs.
6. Fitting: In the U.S. trained personnel carry out this job.
7. User Training: Health care personnel are responsible for training the patients.
8. Repairs, Maintenance, and Follow-Up: Wheelchair service providers and health institutions offer these services.

The U.K.

1. Appointment and referral: In the U.K., healthcare providers appoint and refer the patients.
2. Assessment: Trained personnel including healthcare providers execute this task.
3. Prescription: The healthcare and other trained personnel recommend the right wheelchairs to patients.
4. Ordering and Funding: Non-governmental organizations and the NHS are the primary sources of funds.
5. Preparation of the product: Trained personnel and technicians prepare the wheelchairs.
6. Fitting: The service providers are responsible for fitting the wheelchairs.
7. User Training: Health care personnel and technicians are responsible for training the patients.
8. Repairs, Maintenance, and Follow-Up: Wheelchair service providers and health institutions provide these services.

Conclusion

According to the above information, the process differs slightly depending on countries. Most nations use the 8-step process recommended by the WHO. However, each country may have different ways of executing the steps in the process depending on the factors in the country.

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