

Hello Friends,

A wheelchair user's day can instantly go from bright to bleak when their wheelchair suddenly breaks down. It is usually difficult to get a repair promptly and even harder to replace a wheelchair whose days are numbered. It is not uncommon for people to go without their wheelchairs for months on end while waiting for repairs. It's a hard business for wheelchair providers, and many will no longer accept Medicare or Medi-Cal because the reimbursement is long in coming and is so low.

I recently faced the dilemma when my wheelchair provider would not reply to my phone calls for months. My wheelchair had been hanging on with duct tape and finally gave up the ghost. I finally reached out to disabled friends trying to find a new company that would repair it, and possibly help me apply for a new one. Luckily, someone told me about City Wheelchairs in San Francisco. I called and was delighted with their quick response. The process applying for repairs and a new wheelchair is usually lengthy if you have Medicare or Medi-Cal, but City Wheelchairs not only repaired my old wheelchair, but also got approval to provide a new one. I now have a new wheelchair, but a soundly running one when I need a backup.

City Wheelchairs, 1485 Bayshore Blvd., #146, San Francisco,  
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Our #1 for wheelchairs and repairs is Northcoast Mobility in San Rafael.

Marin County has a treasured source for wheelchair and scooter repairs and equipment. They offer full service repairs and replacements for scooters and wheelchairs, and also do customized installations for hand control as well as lifts for your mobility vehicles. They don't take Medi-Cal or Medicare, but they are reasonably priced and very skilled. favorite of many people in Marin.

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