



Commode

Documentation Required

- ❖ *All Insurance payers*
 - Prescription
 - Medical record notes specifying medical necessity
- ❖ *Prescription requirements*
 - Start Date
 - Patient name
 - Provider name
 - Detailed description of item(s) prescribed
 - ICD-10 code(s)
 - Length of need
 - Provider signature with credentials (for Medicare recipients)
 - Provider signature date (in addition to start date of prescription for Medicare recipients)

Medical record notes for Medicare recipients must specify

- ❖ *Standard commode*
 - Beneficiary is physically incapable of utilizing regular toilet facilities. This would occur in the following situations
 - ✓ The beneficiary is confined to a single room
 - ✓ Confinement to a single room means that the beneficiary is bedridden, cannot walk with a cane or walker, or cannot use or be wheeled in a wheelchair to access the bathroom
 - The beneficiary is confined to one level of the home environment and there is no toilet on that level
 - The beneficiary is confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the home
 - Height and weight within 30 days of prescription
- ❖ *Extra wide/Heavy Duty Commode*
 - Meet standard commode requirements
 - Weight > 300 lbs. documented in medical record within 30 days of prescription
- ❖ *Drop Arm Commode*
 - Meet standard commode requirements
 - Detachable arms feature is necessary to facilitate transferring the beneficiary or if the beneficiary has a body configuration that requires extra width
- ❖ *A commode is NOT covered by Medicare for the following conditions/situations:*
 - Urinary urgency or incontinence
 - Slow gait and cannot get to the bathroom in a timely manner
 - Patient can walk w/ or w/o assistive devices, can use a wheelchair in the home and can get to the bathroom