Walker, Canes and Crutches

Documentation Required

❖ All Insurance payers
  ▪ Prescription
  ▪ Medical record notes specifying medical necessity

❖ Medicare & Medicaid
  ✓ Start Date
  ✓ Patient Name
  ✓ Provider Name
  ✓ Provider’s NPI number
  ✓ Detailed description of item(s) ordered (4 wheeled walker with seat, etc.)
  ✓ 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)

❖ Face to face visit, progress note, or physical therapy evaluation notes must specify
  ▪ Canes and Crutches
    □ Mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility
      related activities of daily living (MRADL) in the home.
    □ Able to safely use item
    □ Deficit can be resolved by use of item
    □ Height and weight of patient within 30 days of prescription
  ▪ Walkers (no wheels, two wheels or 4 wheels)
    □ Four wheeled walkers generally come with a seat attachment. If the item is needed, it must be on the
      prescription to bill insurance
    □ Mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility
      related activities of daily living (MRADL) in the home.
    □ Able to safely use them
    □ Deficit can be resolved by use of item
    □ Height and weight of patient within 30 days of prescription

Mobility-Related Activities of Daily Living (MRADLs) — toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, bathing, etc., in customary
locations in the home.

A mobility limitation is one that:

❖ Prevents the beneficiary from accomplishing an MRADL entirely, or prevents the beneficiary from completing
  an MRADL within a reasonable time frame
❖ Places the beneficiary at reasonably determined heightened risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to
  perform an MRADL