



Ambulatory Aids

Documentation Requirements

Walkers/Canes/Crutches - All insurances

- ★ Ambulatory Aids Prescription
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

Knee Scooters

- ★ Medicaid - Certificate of Medical Necessity
- ★ Non-Medicaid payors - Ambulatory Aids Prescription
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medical Record Requirements

- ★ Face to face visit with treating practitioner. Additional clinician notes (PT, OT, etc.) can support medical necessity, but cannot replace the face-to-face visit. Records must support:
 - The patient has a mobility limitation that impacts their activities of daily living.
 - Examples of MRADLs – Toileting, bathing, grooming, cooking.
 - For Medicare, MRADLs must be within the home.
 - The mobility limitation does one of the following:
 - Prevents the patient from accomplishing MRADLs entirely.
 - Prevents the patient from accomplishing MRADLs within a reasonable time frame.
 - Puts the patient at higher risk for injury or death secondary to completing MRADLs.
 - The patient can safely use the item and the ambulatory aid will resolve the mobility limitation.
 - For heavy duty walkers, the medical record must have a documented weight above 300 lbs. within the last 30 days.
- ★ For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.