



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