



Commodes and Bath Aids

Documentation Requirements Bath Aids

Medicare

- ★ Non-Covered

Medicaid

- ★ Bathroom Safety Prescription
- ★ Face to face with treating practitioner
 - ☐ The visit must be related to the primary condition requiring the equipment.
 - ☐ The visit must be within 6 months of the written order.

Commercial

- ★ Dependent on insurance policy whether items are covered.
- ★ Bathroom Safety Prescription
- ★ Progress notes documenting medical necessity of the item(s).

Documentation Requirements Commodes

All payors

- ★ Bath Aids Prescription
- ★ Medical records (see below)

Medical Record Requirements

- ★ Face to face visit with treating practitioner. Additional clinician notes (PT, OT, etc.) can be used to support medical necessity but cannot take the place of the face-to-face visit. Records must support:
 - ☐ The patient is physically incapable of utilizing regular toilet facilities because of one of the following:
 - They are confined to a single room.
 - They are confined to one level of the home and there is no toilet on that level.
 - They are confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the home.
- ★ For heavy duty commodes, records must support the patient weighs 300 lbs. or more.
- ★ For commodes with detachable arms, records must support the patient needs to transfer to/from the commode *or* the patient has a body configuration that requires extra width.