



## 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 drop arm commodes, records must support the patient needs the detachable arms to transfer to/from the commode or because the patient has a body configuration that requires extra width.