



## Hospital Beds

### Documentation Requirements

#### Medicare/Commercial/Tricare

- ★ Hospital Bed Prescription
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

#### Medicaid

- ★ Alaska Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

### Medical Record Requirements

- ★ All beds - Face to face visit with treating practitioner documenting patient's condition that requires the bed.
  - For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
- ★ All beds - Medical record must support that patient has one or more of the following:
  - Medical condition which requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed,
  - Requires positioning of the body in order to alleviate pain,
  - Requires head of bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease or problems with aspiration,
    - Elevation less than 30 degrees
  - Requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.
- ★ Semi Electric Bed - criteria above and either:
  - Requires frequent changes in body position,
    - Examples – ulcer prevention or treatment, assistance with pain management
  - Has an immediate need for a change in body position.
    - Examples - Dysphagia, aspiration risk
- ★ Heavy Duty, Extra Wide Bed – criteria above and
  - Patient weighs between 351 and 600 pounds, supported in the medical record.
- ★ Extra heavy duty hospital bed – criteria above and
  - Patient weighs more than 600 pounds, supported in the medical record.
- ★ Trapeze Equipment
  - Patient needs trapeze equipment for one of the following reasons:
    - To sit up because of a respiratory condition
    - To change body position for other medical reasons
    - To get in or out of bed
  - If heavy duty, patient weighs more than 250 pounds, supported in the medical record.