Overview:

It is expected that the patient’s medical records reflect the need for the care provided. The medical records include the physician’s office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records and records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This information must be available upon request.

In order to submit a Hospital Bed claim to insurance, the following information must be documented and submitted to the mobility supplier – Med City Mobility. Phone: (507)252-0555, Fax: (507)540-1148.

Criteria:

1. The patient has a medical condition which requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed. Elevation of the head/upper body less than 30 degrees does not usually require the use of a hospital bed. Or,
2. The patient requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed in order to alleviate pain. Or,
3. The patient requires the head of the bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, or problems with aspiration. Pillows or bed wedges must have been considered and ruled out. Or,
4. The patient requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.

Note: A semi-electric bed is covered by insurance if the patient meets one of the criteria for a fixed height bed AND requires frequent changes in body position and/or has an immediate need for change in body position.

Prescription:

A written order/prescription for the Hospital Bed must be provided. The prescription must include all of the following 7 elements:
1. Beneficiary's name
2. Description of the item that is ordered
3. Date of the completion of the face-to-face exam
4. ICD 9 codes that relate to the need for the POV
5. Length of need
6. Physician's signature
7. Date of physician signature

Summary:

The above documentation must be received in the following order:

- 7 element order/prescription (Physician)
- Clinical notes (Physician)
- Detailed Written Report (Created by the supplier – completed and signed by physician)

* The information above was obtained from the National Government Services- Medicare website.