

Commodes

Required Documentation for Insurance Coverage

The following documentation must be provided for commodes.

This document will provide an outline and is to be used as a guide in preparing the initial order documentation.

- **Face Sheet**
- **Compliant Prescription which contains: beneficiary name, physician/practitioner name and NPI, date of order, description of item, length of need, physician/practitioner signature.**
- **Diagnosis Sheet**
- **PT/OT Notes**
- **Copy of Medical Record from ordering physician**

Standard Commode

Required Documentation

Medical record MUST document that the patient has mobility issues and cannot access the toilet facilities.

Does the patient's medical condition meet the following criteria?

1. The patient is confined to a single room
2. The patient is confined to one level of the home with no toilet facilities on that level
3. The patient is confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the home

Example: "Patient is non-ambulatory since her debilitating hospitalization and is confined to her bedroom, therefore she needs a bedside commode."

• *Bariatric must be over 300lbs to qualify*

If a patient were able to ambulate with any assistance or device to their commode, this would disqualify them for a bedside commode.



Drop Arm Commode

Required Documentation

The medical record must document that a drop arm commode is necessary to facilitate transferring the beneficiary or if the beneficiary has a body configuration that requires extra width.

• *Bariatric must be over 300lbs to qualify*

Example: "Mrs. Smith has recently suffered a stroke resulting in right hemiplegia, leaving her unable to safely transfer to use the commode. Her household toilet is upstairs, and with the requirement of a wheelchair, it is now unfeasible to reach. She now requires a transfer board and a drop arm commode to safely facilitate transferring to the bedside commode due to her confinement"



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