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The following information is provided by Broadway Medical to assist in obtaining the specified medical device and is taken directly from Medicare's LCD's. Please call us with any questions.

Commode

- **Face-to-Face Examination (F2F)**

A documented face to face examination by the physician, NP, PA or CNS within SIX months prior to the written order for the DME. If the face to face is performed by the NP, PA or CNS the physician must co-sign the part of the documentation in the medical record pertinent to the DME being ordered. The documentation must state the diagnosis and medical condition that supports the need for each item being ordered (or be ordered in the near future).

- **Rx with the following elements:**

- Beneficiary Name
- Beneficiary D.O.B
- DME item and description
- Length of need
- Diagnosis: ICD-10 code/s
- Prescribing practitioner NPI
- Signature of prescribing practitioner- (NO Electronic Signatures ONLY)
- Date of the order

A **commode** is covered when the beneficiary is physically incapable of utilizing regular toilet facilities. This would occur in the following situations:

- The beneficiary is confined to a single room, or
- The beneficiary is confined to one level of the home environment and there is no toilet on that level, or
- The beneficiary is confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the home.

An **extra wide/heavy duty commode** chair (E0168) is covered:

- If the beneficiary weighs 300 pounds or more. (If an E0168 commode is ordered and the beneficiary does not weigh more than 300 pounds, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.)

A **commode chair with detachable arms** (E0165) is covered:

- If the detachable arms feature is necessary to facilitate transferring the beneficiary or if the beneficiary has a body configuration that requires extra width. If coverage criteria are not met payment will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.