

Required Medicare Documentation

Commodes

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.

Medicare can change the required documentation at any time, please contact BLACKBURN'S for additional assistance.

- Face Sheet
- Diagnosis Sheet
- Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD) contains: beneficiary name, date of order, detailed description of item(s), length of need, physician name & signature and physician's NPI.

Standard Commode

Required Documentation:

Either the H&P or PT/OT notes must document that the patient has mobility issues and cannot access the toilet facilities.

** Bariatric must be over 300lbs to qualify*

Example: "Mrs. Smith suffers from debility and is non-ambulatory. She is now confined to her bedroom, requiring a commode to be at her bedside".

* 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:

Either the H&P or PT/OT notes must document that the patient requires to facilitate transferring or a conflict in the body configuration of a standard commode.

**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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