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Walkers

Insurance Coverage Criteria

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Prescription of Ordered Item

1. Be specific – (i.e. Front Wheeled Walker)

2

Medical Record Documenting:

1. Patient has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs ability to perform ADLs (toileting, grooming, dressing, bathing, etc.) in the home
2. Patient can safely use the ordered item
3. Mobility limitation can be resolved with use of the ordered item

Special Notes:

- **Heavy Duty Walker** is covered when the patient's weight is greater than 300 lbs. This must be in the medical record. There are no exceptions in the guidelines for different body configurations.
- **Hemi-walker** is covered when the patient needs a walker due to hemiplegia on one side of the body.
- **Four-wheeled walker with seat** (Rollators) can potentially be covered when it is documented in the medical record how far the patient can walk before the need to sit. Prescription needs to be specific "Four Wheeled Walker with Seat".
- **Walker Platform Attachments** can be covered when the patient has an inability to bear weight with the forearm / wrist / hand.

Coverage criteria is taken from the CMS Medicare Local Coverage Determination policies. These guidelines are subject to change without notice. Last Updated 8.16.19.