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Canes/Walkers Detailed Written Order Prior to Delivery

Pati	ent Name:		Order Date					
Account #: Patient DO				Chart Notes Attached				
Height Weight				(Chart notes must include the need for				
	Face Sheet/Demographics Faxed	d			the equipment being ordered)			
\boxtimes I, the Physician, have treated this patient for a condition that supports the need and have discussed the need for this medical equipment with the patient and caregivers. I have documented the following information and the need for this equipment in the patient's most recent chart notes. Date of visit prior to order:								
DIAGNOSIS (Check appropriate diagnosis below) Length of Need in Months (99 = Lifetime)								
	Alzheimer's		Osteoarthritis			Rheumatoid Arthritis		
	CHF		Osteoporosis			Other		
	CVA		Parkinson's			Other		
EQUIPMENT (Check equipment below)								
	Small Base Quad Cane		Standard Crutches			Folding Walker		
	Large Base Quad Cane		Forearm Crutches			Folding Walker w/ Wheels		
						Hemi Walker		
	C C			9		Heavy Duty Walker (301 lbs. +)		
				17		Wheel Attachment (Pair)		
	Heavy Duty Cane (301 lbs. +)		Walker with Wheels, S Heavy Duty Walker (3)			U-Step Neuro Walker (Chart Notes Required)		
	Straight Cane					Platform Attachment		
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NECESSITY FOR MOBILITY ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT (MAE) (Check all that apply)								
Does the patient have a mobility limitation that impairs participation in Mobility Required Activities of Daily Living in the home?								
Yes. If yes, go to the next question. Image: No. If No, Stop! Patient does not qualify.								
Can patient limitation be compensated for by the addition of the equipment to improve the ability to participate in Mobility Required Activities of Daily Living in the home?								
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Is the patient capable and willing to operate the equipment safely in the home?								
\Box Yes. If yes, go to the next question. \Box No. If No, Stop! Patient does not qualify.								
Can the mobility deficit be safely resolved by the equipment described above?								
Yes. If yes, complete the order. No. If No, Stop! Patient does not qualify.								
Prescribing Physician's Information								
					NPI #			
Telephone Fax								
Signature Signature Date								
	(Stamped signature not accepted)			Signature L	au			

If filled out completely, this form serves as proof that patient was seen by the physician within 6 months prior to the date of order.

Canes, crutches, standard walkers and related accessories are covered if all of the following criteria 1 through 3 are met:

1. The beneficiary has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADL) in the home. A mobility limitation is one that:

Prevents the beneficiary from accomplishing the MRADL entirely, or

Places the beneficiary at reasonably determined heightened risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to perform the MRADL, *or*

Prevents the beneficiary from completing the MRADL within a reasonable time frame *and*

- 2. The beneficiary is able to safely use the equipment; and
- 3. The functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved with use of the equipment.

If all of the criteria are not met, the equipment will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

A heavy duty walker (E0148, E0149) is covered for beneficiaries who meet coverage criteria for a standard walker and who weigh more than 300 pounds. If an (E0148 or E0149) walker is provided and if the beneficiary weighs 300 pounds or less, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

A heavy duty, multiple braking system, variable wheel resistance walker (E0147) is covered for beneficiaries who meet coverage criteria for a standard walker and who are unable to use a standard walker due to a severe neurologic disorder or other condition causing the restricted use of one hand. Obesity, by itself, is not a sufficient reason for an E0147 walker. If an E0147 walker is provided and if the additional coverage criteria are not met, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Medicare requires that it is a physician (MD, DO, or DPM), physician assistant (PA), nurse practitioner (NP), or clinical nurse specialist (CNS) perform the office visit examination with the beneficiary.

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