



Wheelchairs

Standard Manual Wheelchair Criteria

1. The patient cannot use a cane or a walker for mobility and why (include diagnosis).
2. The patient requires a wheelchair to complete mobility-related ADLS (: toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, bathing, etc.).
3. The patient is able/willing to propel the wheelchair.

OR

A caregiver is present and can propel the wheelchair.

4. The hallways and doorways in the home are adequate in width to allow a wheelchair to pass through.
5. Timeframe of need: lifetime or a specified amount of time.
6. Size wheelchair needed: 18 inches is standard; 16 inches is narrow; 20 inches is small bariatric.
7. Height and weight within the last 30 days.

Hemi Wheelchair

Standard Manual Wheelchair Criteria met AND one of the following:

- a. Lower seat height (17" to 18") required due to short stature.
- b. Patient needs to place feet on the ground for propulsion.

Lightweight Wheelchair

Standard Manual wheelchair criteria met AND *both* of the following:

- a. Unable to self-propel in standard chair.
- b. Able to self-propel in lightweight chair.

Heavy Duty Wheelchair

Standard manual wheelchair criteria met AND one of the following:

- a. Weight over 250 lb,
- b. Severe spasticity.

Extra Heavy Duty Wheelchair

Standard wheelchair criteria met AND weight over 300 lbs.

Notes

- Case Management will complete a wheelchair packet that includes measurements of the patient and the household doors.
- Wheelchairs are expected to last five years. If a new one is needed sooner, Medicaid will not pay for it.
- Physical Therapy typically stocks standard manual wheelchairs only.
- Other size wheelchairs (hemi, lightweight, heavy duty, etc.) must be ordered from Prodigy by the case managers.
- Custom wheelchairs (e.g. electric) require referral to National Seating and Mobility Clinic (at Providence). Talk to case manager.
- Transport wheelchairs are not covered by Medicaid or provided by Prodigy, but can be shopped for online.

Commode

Standard Commode Requirements

1. Patient is physically incapable of utilizing toilet facilities. This would occur in the following situations:
 - a. The patient is confined to a single room (confinement to a single room means the patient is bedridden, cannot walk with a cane or walker, or cannot use or be wheeled in a wheelchair to access the bathroom).
 - b. The patient is confined to one level of the home environment and there is no toilet on that level.
 - c. The patient is confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the home.
2. Height and Weight within 30 days of prescription.

Extra Wide/Heavy Duty Commode Chair

Patient meets standard commode requirements AND weight >300 lbs documented in medical record within 30 days.

Drop-Arm Commode

Patient meets standard commode requirements AND detachable arms feature is necessary to facilitate transferring the patient OR the patient has a body configuration that requires extra width.

A commode is NOT covered by Medicare for the following conditions/situations:

- Urinary urgency or incontinence.
- Slow gait and cannot get to the bathroom in a timely manner.
- Patient is able to walk with or without an assistive device, are able to use a wheelchair in the home, and are able to get to the bathroom.

Semi Electric Hospital Bed

One or more of the following criteria

- a. Medical condition which requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed.
- b. Requires positioning of the body in order to alleviate pain.
- c. Requires head of bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, or problems with aspiration.
- d. Requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.
- e. Requires frequent changes in body position and/or has an immediate need for a change in body positions (i.e. a patient has large or multiple pressure ulcers on the trunk or pelvis and needs to be repositioned frequently and is unable to do so without assistance; or the patient has limited strength to move or shift their body).