

Policy References: [Local Coverage Determination Hospital Beds and Accessories \(L33820\)](#)

Documentation References: [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article \(PA\) A55426](#)

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

Medical Documentation

Trapeze Equipment

- The beneficiary needs the device to sit up because of a respiratory condition, to change body position for other medical reasons, or to get in or out of bed.

Heavy-Duty Trapeze Equipment

- The beneficiary meets the criteria for regular trapeze equipment (see above) and the patient's weight is more than 250 pounds.

Bed Cradle

- If necessary, in order to prevent contact with the bed coverings.

Side Rails or Safety Enclosures

- If they are required by the beneficiary's condition and they are an integral part of, or an accessory to, a covered Medicare bed.

Non-covered accessories include:

- A Bed-board
- An over bed table
- Trapeze bars when used on an ordinary bed

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