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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