

**Policy References:** [Local Coverage Determination Walkers \(L33791\)](#) and [Policy Article \(A52503\)](#)

**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**

A standard walker may be covered if all of the following are met:

- The beneficiary has mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADL) in the home.
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  - Prevents the beneficiary from accomplishing the MRADL entirely;
  - 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 timeframe.
- The beneficiary is able to safely use the walker.
- The functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved with by use of a walker.
- If you are ordering anything other than a standard walker or ordering extra-features; please document in detail the reasons why and provide that documentation to the supplier.

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