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:

- Dispensing order
- Sign and date a detailed written order (DWO)
- 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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