

CLINICIAN CHECKLIST FOR WALKERS

Policy References:

- [Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\) \(L33791\)](#)
- [Policy Article \(A52503\)](#)

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

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

[Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)

Medical records as noted below

Medical Documentation

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

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:

Prevents the beneficiary from accomplishing the MRADL entirely; **or**

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.

Beneficiary is able to safely use the walker

Functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved with by use of a walker

If ordering anything other than a standard walker or ordering extra-features, document in detail the reasons why and provide that documentation to the supplier.