

**Policy References:** [Local Coverage Determination Canes and Crutches \(L33733\) and Policy Article \(A52459\)](#)

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

**The supplier must be able to provide all of these items on request:**

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- [Proof of Delivery \(POD\)](#)
- [Continued Need](#)
- [Continued Use](#)
- Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

**Medical records should contain:**

- Beneficiary has a 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 MRADL; **or**
  - Prevents the beneficiary from completing the MRADL within a reasonable time frame; **and**
- Beneficiary is able to safely use the cane or crutch; **and**
- The functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved by use of a cane or crutch.

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