

Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Commodes (L33736)

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CMS National Coverage Policy CMS Publication 100-03 Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Chapter 1, Section 280.1

Coverage Guidance

Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a

malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements.

The purpose of a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) is to provide information regarding "reasonable and necessary" criteria based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions.

In addition to the "reasonable and necessary" criteria contained in this LCD there are other payment rules, which are discussed in the following documents, that must also be met prior to Medicare reimbursement:

- The LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.
- The LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.
- Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.
- Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

For the items addressed in this LCD, the "reasonable and necessary" criteria, based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions, are defined by the following coverage indications, limitations and/or medical necessity.

A commode is covered when the beneficiary is physically incapable of utilizing regular toilet facilities. This would occur in the following situations:

1. The beneficiary is confined to a single room, or
2. The beneficiary is confined to one level of the home environment and there is no toilet on that level, or
3. The beneficiary is confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the home.

An extra wide/heavy duty commode chair (E0168) is covered for a beneficiary who weighs 300 pounds or more. If an E0168 commode is ordered and the beneficiary does not weigh more than 300 pounds, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

A commode chair with detachable arms (E0165) is covered if the detachable arms feature is necessary to facilitate transferring the beneficiary or if the beneficiary has a body configuration that requires extra width. If coverage criteria are not met payment will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Commode chair with seat lift mechanism (E0170, E0171) is covered if the beneficiary has medical necessity for a commode and meets the coverage criteria for a seat lift mechanism (see Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and Policy Article on Seat Lift Mechanisms). However, a commode with seat lift mechanism is intended to allow the beneficiary to walk after standing. If the beneficiary can ambulate, he/she would rarely meet the coverage criterion for a commode. Therefore, if the beneficiary is capable of walking from the bed to the bathroom, a KX modifier must not be added to the code for the commode with seat lift mechanism.

Bidets and bidet toilet seats are non-covered (no benefit – see related Policy Article).

GENERAL

A Detailed Written Order (DWO) (if applicable) must be received by the supplier before a claim is submitted. If the supplier bills for an item addressed in this policy without first receiving a completed DWO, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

An item/service is correctly coded when it meets all the coding guidelines listed in CMS HCPCS guidelines, LCDs, LCD-related Policy Articles, or DME MAC articles. Claims that do not meet coding guidelines shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary/incorrectly coded.

Proof of delivery (POD) is a Supplier Standard and DMEPOS suppliers are required to maintain POD documentation in their files. Proof of delivery documentation must be made available to the Medicare contractor upon request. All services that do not have appropriate proof of delivery from the supplier shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

[Coding Information](#)

Bill Type Codes:

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N/A

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the policy, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph: The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage.

HCPCS MODIFIERS:

EY - No physician or other licensed health care provider order for this item or service

GA - Waiver of liability statement issued as required by payer policy, individual case

GY - Item or service statutorily excluded or does not meet the definition of any Medicare Benefit

GZ - Item or service expected to be denied as not reasonable and necessary

KX - Requirements specified in the medical policy have been met

HCPCS CODES:

Group 1 Codes:

E0163 COMMODE CHAIR, MOBILE OR STATIONARY, WITH FIXED ARMS

E0165 COMMODE CHAIR, MOBILE OR STATIONARY, WITH DETACHABLE ARMS

E0167 PAIL OR PAN FOR USE WITH COMMODE CHAIR, REPLACEMENT ONLY

E0168

COMMODE CHAIR, EXTRA WIDE AND/OR HEAVY DUTY, STATIONARY OR MOBILE, WITH OR WITHOUT ARMS, ANY TYPE, EACH

E0170 COMMODE CHAIR WITH INTEGRATED SEAT LIFT MECHANISM, ELECTRIC, ANY TYPE

E0171 COMMODE CHAIR WITH INTEGRATED SEAT LIFT MECHANISM, NON-ELECTRIC, ANY TYPE

E0172 SEAT LIFT MECHANISM PLACED OVER OR ON TOP OF TOILET, ANY TYPE

E0175 FOOT REST, FOR USE WITH COMMODE CHAIR, EACH

E0244 RAISED TOILET SEAT

ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: Not specified

Group 1 Codes: N/A

ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: Not specified

Group 1 Codes: N/A

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DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act precludes payment to any provider of services unless "there has been furnished such information as may be necessary in order to determine the amounts due such provider." It is expected that the beneficiary's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The beneficiary's medical records include the treating practitioner's office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records, records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This documentation must be available upon request.

GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to justify payment for DMEPOS items, suppliers must meet the following requirements:

- Prescription (orders)
- Medical Record Information (including continued need/use if applicable)
- Correct Coding
- Proof of Delivery

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding these requirements.

Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.

Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Items covered in this LCD have additional policy-specific requirements that must be met prior to Medicare reimbursement.

Refer to the LCD-related Policy article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information.

Miscellaneous

Appendices

Utilization Guidelines

Refer to Coverage Indication, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision

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07/01/2016	R4	Revision Effective Date: 07/01/2016 DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Revised: Standard Documentation Language Effective 04/28/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provider Education/Guidance
07/01/2016	R3	Effective July 1, 2016 oversight for DME MAC LCDs is the responsibility of CGS Administrators, LLC 18003 and 17013 and Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 19003 and 16013. No other changes have been made to the LCDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change in Assigned States or Affiliated Contract Numbers
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END OF LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION

Per the Code of Federal Regulations, 42 C.F.R § 426. 325, only those portions of the currently effective Local Coverage Determination (LCD) that are based on section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, may be challenged through an acceptable complaint as described in 42 C.F.R § 426.400. Also, per 42 C.F.R § 426.325 items that are not reviewable, and therefore cannot be challenged, include the Policy Article. Please note the distinction of the documents when reviewing the materials.

Local Coverage Article: Commodities - Policy Article (A52461)

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Article Guidance

Article Text:**NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES**

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. Information provided in this policy article relates to determinations other than those based on Social Security Act §1862(a)(1)(A) provisions (i.e. "reasonable and necessary").

Commodes are covered under the Durable Medical Equipment benefit (Social Security Act §1861(s)(6)). In order for a beneficiary's equipment to be eligible for reimbursement the reasonable and necessary (R&N) requirements set out in the related Local Coverage Determination must be met. In addition, there are specific statutory payment policy requirements, discussed below, that also must be met.

A raised toilet seat (E0244) is noncovered; therefore, a commode chair that is used as a raised toilet seat by positioning it over the toilet is also noncovered. When a commode chair is provided for use in this manner, the GY modifier must be added to the code for the commode chair and the KX modifier must not be used.

Toilet seat lift mechanisms (E0172) are not primarily medical in nature; therefore do not meet the statutory definition of durable medical equipment. They are non-covered.

A footrest (E0175) is non-covered because it is not medical in nature.

Bidets and bidet toilet seats are non-covered because they are not primarily medical in nature.

POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to policy specific documentation requirements, there are general documentation requirements that are applicable to all DMEPOS policies. These general requirements are located in the DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS section of the LCD.

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this Policy Article under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS and the POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS discussed below.

The diagnosis code that justifies the need for these items must be included on the claim.

KX, GA, GY, AND GZ MODIFIERS:

For commodes (E0163-E0171) used as a raised toilet seat by positioning it over the toilet, the GY modifier must be added to the code, and the KX, GA, or GZ modifier must not be used.

For commodes (E0163-E0171) not used as a raised toilet seat, the KX modifier must be added to the code only if all of the coverage criteria as described in the Coverage Indication, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity section of the related LCD have been met.

For commode chairs with seat lift mechanism (E0170 and E0171), the KX modifier must be added to the code only if the beneficiary meets all of the criteria for a seat lift mechanism.

If all of the criteria in the Coverage Indication, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity section of the related LCD have not been met, the GA or GZ modifier must be added to the code. When there is an expectation of a medical necessity denial, suppliers must enter a GA modifier on the claim line if they have obtained a properly executed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) or a GZ modifier if they have not obtained a valid ABN.

Claim lines billed without a GA, GY, GZ or KX modifier will be rejected as missing information.

CODING GUIDELINES

A commode with seat lift mechanism (E0170, E0171) is a free-standing device that has a commode pan and that has an integrated seat that can be raised with or without a forward tilt while the beneficiary is seated. An integrated device is one which is sold as a unit by the manufacturer and in which the lift and the commode cannot be separated without the use of tools.

A toilet seat lift mechanism is a device with a seat that can be raised with or without a forward tilt while the beneficiary is seated, allowing the beneficiary to stand and ambulate once he/she is in an upright position. It may be manually operated or electric. It is attached to the toilet. These devices are coded as E0172.

A raised toilet seat (E0244) is a device that adds height to the toilet seat. It is either fixed height or adjustable. It is either attached to the toilet or is unattached, resting on the bowl.

Note: A freestanding raised toilet seat supported by legs on the floor is coded as a commode.

Bidets, bidets incorporated into toilet seats and similar genitalia/perineum/buttocks cleansing devices are products that utilize a stream of water to irrigate and wash the buttocks and perineal area. Bidets and similar devices are coded A9270 (NONCOVERED ITEM OR SERVICE).

Extra wide/heavy duty commode chairs (E0168) have a width of greater than or equal to 23 inches and are also capable of supporting a beneficiary who weighs 300 pounds or more.

A Column II code is included in the allowance for the corresponding Column I code when provided at the same time.

Column I	Column II
E0163	E0167
E0165	E0167
E0168	E0167
E0170	E0167, E0627, E0629
E0171	E0167, E0627, E0629

Suppliers should contact the Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) Contractor for guidance on the correct coding of these items. [Back to Top](#)

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Bill Type Codes:

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CPT/HCPCS Codes N/A

ICD-10 Codes that are Covered N/A

ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered N/A

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07/01/2016	R2	Effective July 1, 2016 oversight for DME MAC Articles is the responsibility of CGS Administrators, LLC 18003 and 17013 and Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 19003 and 16013. No other changes have been made to the Articles.
10/01/2015	R1	Revision Effective Date: 04/01/2013 (August 2015 Publication) NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES: Added: Coverage statement for bidets and similar items CODING GUIDELINES: Added: Code description for bidets, bidet toilet seats and similar items

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