

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST FOR CANES AND CRUTCHES

Policy References:

- [Local Coverage Determination \(L33733\)](#)
- [Policy Article \(A52459\)](#)

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

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

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

[Beneficiary Authorization](#)

[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.