

## **DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST FOR WALKERS**

### **Policy References:**

- [Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\) \(L33791\)](#)
- [Policy Article \(A52516\)](#)

**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:**

The 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. A mobility limitation is one that:

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

Places the beneficiary at a reasonably determined heightened risk or morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to perform the MRADL; **or**

Prevents the beneficiary from completing the MRADL within a reasonable timeframe; **and**

The beneficiary is able to safely use the walker; **and**

The functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved by use of a walker.

### **Heavy Duty Walker (E0148, E0149)**

The beneficiary weighs more than 300 pounds.

### **Heavy Duty, Multiple Braking System, Variable Wheel Resistance Walker (E0147)**

Medical records document the beneficiary is unable to use a standard walker due to a severe neurologic disorder or other condition causing the restricted use of one hand.

### **Walker with Enclosed Frame (E0144)**

Medical necessity for these items has not been established. Therefore, if they are provided, they will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

### **Walker with Trunk Support (E0140)**

Standard walker coverage criteria met; **and**

Medical records document the justification for medical necessity for the special features.

### **Leg Extensions (E0158)**

The beneficiary is six feet or taller.