

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.