

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:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

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:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
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

Additional ICD-10 Information

N/A

General Information

Associated Information

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

Reserved for future use.

Revision History Information

REVISION HISTORY DATE	REVISION HISTORY NUMBER	REVISION HISTORY EXPLANATION	REASON(S) FOR CHANGE
01/01/2017	R5	Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2017 COVERAGE INDICATIONS, INDICATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND/OR MEDICAL NECESSITY: Removed: Standard Documentation Language Added: New reference language and directions to Standard Documentation Requirements Added: General Requirements DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Removed: Standard Documentation Language Added: General Documentation Requirements Added: New reference language and directions to Standard Documentation Requirements POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Removed: Standard Documentation Language Added: Direction to Standard Documentation Requirements Removed: PIM reference under Appendices Removed: Supplier Manual Reference under Miscellaneous RELATED LOCAL COVERAGE DOCUMENTS: Added: LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provider Education/Guidance
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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Associated Documents

Attachments

N/A

Related Local Coverage Documents

Article(s)

A52461 - Commodes - Policy Article

A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

Related National Coverage Documents

N/A

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