

Commodes

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Coverage and Payment Policy

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

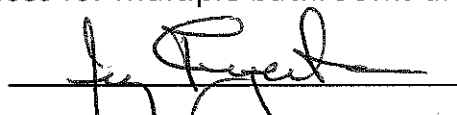
1. The beneficiary is confined to a single room, or
2. The beneficiary is confined to one level of the home environment and there is no toilet on that level, or
3. The beneficiary is confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the home.

An extra wide/heavy duty commode chair is covered for a beneficiary who weighs 300 pounds or more.

A commode chair with detachable arms 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.

Commode chair with seat lift mechanism is covered if the beneficiary has medical necessity for a commode and meets the coverage criteria for a seat lift mechanism.

Duplicate devices for multiple bathrooms are not covered.

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