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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Durable Medical Equipment

Screening Criteria for Combination Shower Commode Chairs and Accessories

Description:

A combination shower commode chair is used to meet an individual's toileting and hygiene needs.

Indications for Coverage of the Shower Commode Chair:

All of the following criteria must be met:

- Unable to use a standard conventional toilet.
- Unable to get in/out of the shower independently and is unable to sit or stand in the bath/shower independently.
- Home assessment determines that shower/tub access is possible for the requested equipment.
- Home assessment determines that once the equipment is in the shower/tub enclosure caregiver access to the patient is adequate.
- Documentation to support that a less costly system will not meet the needs of the individual.

Indications for Coverage of the Tilt/Recline Feature:

- Documentation to support the medically necessity for the individual to be in a tilt/recline position for toileting or showering.

Indications for Coverage of a Non-Standard Seating System:

- Current decubitus that is a stage 3 or 4, and
- Shower/commode chair needed for a minimum of 30 minutes or longer, or
- No decubitus and use of the shower/commode chair for a minimum of 2 hours or longer per toileting session.

Indications for Coverage of Foot Plates:

- No functional use of the lower limbs.

Indications for Coverage of Elevating Leg Rests:

- Musculoskeletal condition which prevents 90 degree flexion of the knee, or
- Meets medical necessity for the tilt/recline feature on the shower/commode chair.

Indications for Coverage of a Heavy Duty Shower/Commode Chair:

- Documentation from a medical resource of the patient's weight to determine justification for the requested chair.

Contact Information

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