

Hospital Bed – Document needs

The following documentation is required to be in clinic visit/therapy notes from the treating provider within 12 months of the prescription for consideration of payment.

One or more of the following criteria needs to be documented in a clinic visit note for a manual hospital bed to be covered by Medicare:

1. The patient has a medical condition which requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed. Elevation of the head/upper body less than 30 degrees does not usually require the use of a hospital bed, or
2. The patient requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed in order to alleviate pain, or
3. The patient requires the head of the bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, or problems with aspiration. Pillows or wedges must have been considered and ruled out, or
4. The patient requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.

Additional documentation needs to be included to the manual bed documentation (above) when one of the hospital beds below is medically necessary!

Semi-electric hospital bed (electric head & foot with manual hand crank for height):

1. Patient requires frequent changes in body position and or has an immediate need for a change in body position.

Heavy-duty, extra wide hospital bed:

1. Patient's weight is more than 350 pounds, but does not exceed 600 pounds.

Extra heavy-duty hospital bed:

1. Patient's weight exceeds 600 pounds.

Variable height hospital bed (manual hand crank for head, foot and height):

1. Patient requires a bed height different than a fixed height hospital bed to permit transfers to chair, wheelchair or standing position.

Additional documentation is required if an accessory below is medically necessary!

Trapeze equipment:

1. Patient needs a trapeze to sit up because of a respiratory condition, to change body position for other medical reasons or to get in or out of bed.

Heavy duty trapeze equipment:

1. Patient needs a trapeze to sit up because of a respiratory condition, to change body position for other medical reasons or to get in or out of bed and the patient's weight is more than 250 pounds.

A bed cradle:

1. Bed cradle is necessary to prevent contact with the bed coverings.

Side rails:

1. Describe patient's condition that requires side rails.

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