

Cervical Traction

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.

Over door cervical traction devices: 1 and 2 need to be sufficiently documented to support the need for the prescribed equipment

1. Document the patients musculoskeletal or neurologic impairment requiring traction equipment; and
2. Document the appropriate use of a home cervical traction device has been demonstrated to the patient and the beneficiary tolerated the traction device.

Freestanding Cervical traction devices: 1 and 2 above and either criteria A, B or C need to be sufficiently documented to support the need for the prescribed equipment

- A. The beneficiary has a diagnosis of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction; and has received treatment for the TMJ condition; or,
- B. The beneficiary has distortion of the lower jaw or neck anatomy (e.g., radical neck dissection) such that a chin halter is unable to be utilized; or,
- C. The treating physician orders and/or documents the medical necessity for greater than 20 pounds of cervical traction in the home setting.

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