



Hospital Bed Support Documentation

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Documentation Requirements

Medicare/Commercial/Tricare

- Hospital Bed Prescription
- Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medicaid

- Alaska Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity
- Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medical Record Requirements

- All beds – Face-to-face visit with treating practitioner documenting patient's condition that requires the bed.
 - For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
- All beds – Medical record must support that the patient has one or more of the following:
 - A medical condition that requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed.
 - Requires positioning of the body in order to alleviate pain in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed.
 - 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.
 - Elevation less than 30 degrees.
 - Requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.
- Semi Electric Bed – criteria above and either:
 - Requires frequent changes in body position.
 - Examples – ulcer prevention or treatment, assistance with pain management
 - Has an immediate need for a change in body position.
 - Examples – Dysphagia, aspiration risk
- Heavy Duty, Extra Wide Bed – criteria above and
 - Patient weighs between 350 and 600 pounds, as documented in the medical record.
- Extra Heavy Duty Hospital Bed – criteria above and
 - Patient weighs more than 600 pounds, as supported in the medical record.
- Trapeze Equipment
 - Patient needs trapeze equipment for one of the following reasons:
 - To sit up because of a respiratory condition
 - To change body position for other medical reasons
 - To get in or out of bed
 - If heavy duty, the patient weighs more than 250 pounds, as supported in the medical record.