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18.2.6 Bath and Toileting Aids

Bathroom and toileting aids are devices used to assist beneficiaries who are unable to use standard facilities.

Elevated Toilet Seats

An elevated toilet seat may be considered when a beneficiary is unable to go from a sitting to a standing position without assistance.

Bath or Shower Chairs

Bath or shower chairs may be considered only for severe incapacitating problems due to neurological, physiological, or cognitive disorders that impair the beneficiary's balance, coordination, or physical strength needed to safely sit or stand while bathing or showering.

Safety Guardrails

Safety guardrails may be considered for beneficiaries who are unable to stand up in the tub or get out of the tub without assistance.

Footrest for Use with Toilet

A footrest for a toilet may be considered when the beneficiary's feet cannot touch the floor and it is needed for balance and support.

Commode Chairs

A commode chair may be considered when the beneficiary is physically incapable of utilizing regular toilet facilities.

An extra wide/heavy duty commode chair is covered for a beneficiary weighing 300 pounds or more. If the beneficiary weighs less than 300 pounds but the basic coverage criteria for a commode chair are met, payment will be based on the least costly medically appropriate alternative.

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A request for payment of a mobile commode chair will be denied as not medically necessary if basic coverage criteria for a commode chair are met. Payment will be based on the least costly medically appropriate alternative stationary commode chair.

Commode Chairs with Detachable Arms

A commode chair with detachable arms may be considered if this feature is necessary to facilitate transferring the beneficiary, or if the beneficiary has a body configuration that requires extra width. If these additional criteria are not met but the basic coverage criteria for a commode chair are met, reimbursement will be authorized based on the least costly medically appropriate alternative.

Urinals (Hospital Type) and Bed Pans

Urinals (hospital type) and bed pans may be considered if the beneficiary is capable of using them and is confined to bed.