

Pediatric Walkers PA Overview

*Pediatric Walkers do not have a specified HCPCS code from PDAC and should be requested using the E1399 miscellaneous code. Please note that if items are included *standard* with the walker, they should NOT be requested separately.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

1. Signed and dated prescription from the member's physician; *and*
2. Diagnosis, prognosis and severity of condition to demonstrate that effective and functional use of a walker is likely; *and*
3. A description of functional goals that include ambulation; intervention plan and/or IFSP/IEP showing ambulation goals if available; *and*
4. Documented device trial, including results of the trial showing distance the member can ambulate with walker without assistance of others and how long it takes member to ambulate the specified distance; if assistance is required, the type and level of assistance should be included; *and*
5. If applicable-history of walker use, including how long and how many times per day or week child ambulates with walker; *and*
6. Documented assessment of current ambulation and potential to maintain or improve those abilities with a walker; *and*
7. Documentation of the setting in which walker will be used (i.e., living room, bedroom, bathroom, school, etc.). Does the member's home accommodate the walker? Will the walker be transported? Please explain. *and*
8. Documentation of Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS). *and*
9. List of alternatives or less costly walkers considered and rejects as not meeting the member's needs, and why they do not meet member's needs. *and*
10. If requesting non-standard features, provide clinical documentation why a standard device is inadequate for the needed activities and documentation of a trial with standard devices and results that they did not meet member's needs; *and*
11. DME is expected to last at least 5 years; if replacement equipment is being requested, provide documentation why new equipment is needed vs. "growing" current equipment. *and*
12. List other DME member currently uses; *and*
13. Submit any relevant clinical documentation; testing or medical records that support the need for item requested.