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Please include a paragraph(s) in the patient's Medical Record, such as the example below, answering all of the questions required by insurance. CMN's for Manual Wheelchairs are no longer valid. If the patient does not qualify through insurance, they have an option to private pay. If you have any questions please feel free to call. Thank you! Kesling Home Health Care

Documenting Medical Necessity for Manual Wheelchairs

Medical necessity of manual wheelchairs is increasingly under review by Medicare. A face-to-face evaluation must be performed within 6 months of order, documenting specific details about the patient needing a manual wheelchair and why. A detailed prescription is required including patient's current weight, diagnosis, and length of need.

Medical documentation for Manual Wheelchairs must include the following:

- Identify & Explain the mobility limitation - The patient must have a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADLs) such as toileting, feeding, dressing, grooming, and bathing within the home.
- The MRADLs cannot be resolved by using a cane or walker
- The MRADLs will be improved by using a wheelchair - explain
- The patient needs the wheelchair to use in his/her home – Ins will not cover only to go to apts
- The patient's home is accessible and he/she will be able to maneuver the wheelchair within the home
- The patient is willing to use the wheelchair in his/her home
- The patient has a caregiver who is available, willing, and able to provide assistance with the wheelchair.
- The patient has sufficient upper extremity function and other physical and mental capabilities needed to safely self-propel the manual wheelchair that is provided in the home during a typical day.
- If a transport chair is needed, it must include a description as to why the beneficiary is unable to make use of a standard manual wheelchair on their own, and provide specific information that the beneficiary has a caregiver who is available, willing, and able to provide assistance with the transport wheelchair. All of the above points must be met as well.

**** Sample Documentation within Medical Records / Face-to-Face Evaluation**

Example: The patient has mobility limitations due to a stroke which has significantly limited his ability to participate in MRADLs specifically grooming, dressing, and bathing. His MRADL limitations cannot be resolved with the use of a cane or walker. He is unsafe in attempts to perform ambulation with a cane or walker. Using a wheelchair will allow him to participate in MRADLs needed in the home. The patient's home is suitable for use of a wheelchair and the patient is willing to use a wheelchair. He does have a caregiver to assist with the Wheelchair. Patient has significant upper body strength in order to use the wheelchair.

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