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Please include a paragraph(s) in the patient's Medical Record, such as the examples below, answering all of the questions required by insurance. CMN's for Hospital Beds are no longer valid.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 Hospital Beds

Medical necessity of hospital beds 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 hospital bed and why. A detailed prescription is required, including current weight, diagnosis, and length of need.

Medical documentation for hospital beds must include ONE of the following (qualifies pt for a fixed hospital bed):

1. Head of bed needs to be elevated greater than 30 degrees due to relevant medical diagnosis documented in the chart

OR

2. Requires positioning the body in ways not feasible in ordinary beds due to a relevant documented condition and why a regular bed won't suffice

OR

3. The patient requires positioning of their body to alleviate pain due to a relevant medical diagnosis documented in the chart, as well as a discussion of how repositioning in a regular bed will not properly alleviate pain

OR

4. The beneficiary requires a trapeze, which can only be attached to a hospital bed - records must support the need to sit up because of a respiratory condition, to change body position for other medical reasons, or to get in or out of bed

And ONE of the following:

1. Patient requires frequent changes in body position and/or has an immediate need for a change in body position – records must explain why (qualifies pt for a Semi-Electric hospital bed).

AND/OR

2. The beneficiary requires a bed height different than a fixed height hospital bed to permit transfers to chair, wheelchair or standing position (qualifies pt for a Variable Height hospital bed).

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

Example: Patient is at risk for wounds due to limited mobility, compromised nutritional status and incontinence and as a result requires frequent changes in body position in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed. Patient requires head of bed to be elevated greater than 30 degrees in order to alleviate the symptom of their COPD.

Example: Patient will require the use of a hospital bed at home. She is a fall risk and will need to be able to adjust the height of the bed for her safety and for transfers. She will not be able to use an ordinary bed due to height restrictions. Patient requires frequent changes in body position because she is at risk for developing pressure ulcers and is unable to independently accomplish functional weight shift.

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