

SEMI ELECTRIC HOSPITAL BED

Due to the increased Medicare denials for semi electric hospital beds in the DME industry we are being proactive to inform you that no longer will Medicare except a separate progress note from the Dr requesting a semi electric hospital bed. The added requirements are as follows:

- 1). The request for the bed stating the need for frequent and/or immediate changes not feasible in an ordinary bed need to be documented in facility documentation. For example: a spreadsheet or other documentation showing the facilities staff times and days of body position changes for that patient.**
- 2). The documented reason and dx for the needed frequent and/or immediate body changes.**
- 3). The documented results from bed positioning being flat, the documented results from changing the position to a 30 degree elevation, the reason pillows and/or wedges cannot be used to obtain and/or maintain the 30 degree positioning.**
- 4). The documentation of the prognosis and severity of patient in an ordinary bed and what position the patient gets relief and improved prognosis in a hospital bed.**
- 5). The documentation of needing a hospital bed because traction equipment can only be attached to a hospital bed.**
- 6). The facility documented need that patient requires a bed height different from a fixed height to permit transfers to chair, wheelchair, or standing position for a variable height hospital bed.**
- 7). A physicians hand signed or electronic signature (stamped signatures not acceptable) and dated face to face examination of the patient by the physician, PA, or NP requesting the semi electric bed because of the patients facility documented need for the bed (see items 1-5 above) using the correct verbiage stated below in the 4 qualifying facility documented reasons below (alleviate pain, CHF, COPD, risk of aspiration).**
- 8). The facility documents should clearly show the patients need of the equipment from their documented results of (before and after) repositioning the patients body and elevating patients head.**

Based on the patients dx and facility documented reasons below, the below verbiage must be in your face to face request for the equipment.

Alleviate pain

I evaluated my patient face to face for durable medical equipment. A semi electric hospital bed is required because of the need for frequent and/or immediate changes in body position and positions are not feasible in an ordinary bed. The positions are needed to alleviate pain. **The documentation of the prognosis and severity of patient in an ordinary bed and what position the patient gets relief and improved prognosis in a hospital bed.**

CHF

I evaluated my patient face to face for durable medical equipment. A semi electric hospital bed is required because of the need for frequent and/or immediate changes in body position and positions are not feasible in an ordinary bed. The head of the bed needs to be elevated greater

that 30 degrees most of the time due to CHF. **The documentation of the prognosis and severity of patient in an ordinary bed and what position the patient gets relief and improved prognosis in a hospital bed.**

COPD

I evaluated my patient face to face for durable medical equipment. A semi electric hospital bed is required because of the need for frequent and/or immediate changes in body position and positions are not feasible in an ordinary bed. The head of the bed needs to be elevated greater than 30 degrees most of the time due to COPD. **The documentation of the prognosis and severity of patient in an ordinary bed and what position the patient gets relief and improved prognosis in a hospital bed.**

Risk of Aspiration

I evaluated my patient face to face for durable medical equipment. A semi electric hospital bed is required because of the need for frequent and/or immediate changes in body position and positions are not feasible in an ordinary bed. The head of the bed needs to be elevated greater than 30 degrees most of the time due to Risk of Aspiration. **The documentation of the prognosis and severity of patient in an ordinary bed and what position the patient gets relief and improved prognosis in a hospital bed.**

Just to let you know what the patient goes through if insufficient documentation results in denial, the providing DME company must pay back the rental money's to Medicare, pick up the equipment from the patients location, another DME company must now obtain the correct documentation with strict timeline limitations and submit it to Medicare for approval.

Thank you for your help in this important matter.

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