



# Medicare Commode Qualifications

## Prescription

- Patient's Name
- Date of Order
- General Description (e.g., Commode, Commode Chair with fixed arms, Commode Chair with detachable arms, Extra Wide/Heavy Duty Commode Chair)
- Physician's Signature
- Physician Name Printed or NPI

## Chart Notes *(must support the following)*

A **Commode** is covered when the patient is physically incapable of utilizing regular toilet facilities. This would occur in the following situations:

1. The patient is confined to a single room, or
2. The patient is confined to one level of the home and there is no toilet on that level, or
3. The patient is confined to the home, and there are no toilet facilities in the home.

## Additional Information

- **Extra wide/heavy duty commode meets one of the criteria above and;**
  - Patient weighs over 300 lbs.
- **Commode with detachable arms meets one of the criteria above and;**
  - It is necessary to facilitate transferring the patient or
  - Patient's body configuration requires extra width.

**If also ordering wheelchair/walker, documentation must clearly explain why patient would still be unable to access the bathroom facility with the use of mobility equipment.**

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