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Commodes Insurance Coverage Criteria

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Prescription of Ordered Item

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Medical Record Documenting:

1. Patient is confined to a single room **OR**
2. Patient is confined to one level of the home and there is no toilet on that level **OR**
3. Patient is confined to the home and there is no toilet in the home

Special Notes:

- **Drop-Arm Commode** – is covered when:
 - a. There is a need to transfer (patient must have other equipment to transfer to i.e. wheelchair, bed, etc.)
 - b. If patient body configuration is one that meets the weight capacity of a standard commode (250 lbs.) but hips cannot fit within the frame of the commode, the patient can qualify for a drop-arm commode. A drop-arm commode must be the ordered item and medical documentation must justify the body configuration.
- **Heavy Duty Commode** – is covered when the patient weighs over 300 lbs. this must be documented in the medical record.
- Given these new guidelines, it is very tough to get a simple commode covered.
- Commodes are not for over-the-toilet-use or if the patient is unable to walk quick enough to get to the bathroom in time.
- Raised toilet seats are not covered by most insurance companies (some MedQuest plans will cover the basic ones)

Coverage criteria is taken from the CMS Medicare Local Coverage Determination policies. These guidelines are subject to change without notice. Last Updated 4.5.19.