



Documentation Checklist for Patient Lifts
DOCUMENTATION IN MEDICAL RECORDS REQUIRED BY CMS

Medical records should contain:

Documentation Requirements	Key Items to Address
Duration of patient’s condition	Why does the patient require the item?
Clinical course	Do the physical examination findings support the need for the item?
Prognosis	Signs and symptoms that indicate the need for the item
Nature and extent of functional limitations	Diagnoses that are responsible for these signs and symptoms
Other therapeutic interventions and results	Other diagnoses that may relate to the need for the item

A patient lift is covered if:

- Transfer between bed and a chair, wheelchair, or commode is required; and
- Without the use of a lift, the beneficiary would be bed confined.

A patient lift described by code E0630, E0635, E0639, or E0640 is covered if:

- The basic coverage criteria are met.

*For items to be covered by Medicare, a written order prior to delivery (WOPD) is required.