

**NARRATIVE MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ADULT ORIGINAL
STANDARD SHOWER/COMMODE WHEELCHAIR**

PATIENT NAME:
ADDRESS:

DATE:
DATE OF BIRTH:

PHONE:

INSURANCE NAME:
ID NUMBER

DIAGNOSIS:

Base Unit: (E-1399) 461/462.

Because of (patient name) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.) he/she requires a shower/commode wheelchair. The shower/commode wheelchair will provide (patient name) the ability to perform bowel and bladder functions (independently/dependently) as well as showering for proper hygiene.

Without the ability to voluntarily void the bowel and bladder, serious complications can and will occur. Complications include fecal impaction resulting in autonomic hyper-reflexia (sudden increased high blood pressure). This condition may ultimately lead to a stroke. Severe impaction may also cause the bladder to burst.

Proper hygiene is also extremely important. The showering provides cleansing following the bowel and bladder program which is important for good health as well as (patient name) social acceptability.

JUSTIFICATION FOR STANDARD OPTIONS

Padded Seat and Back: (K0108) The padded seat and back provide (patient name) protection from possible skin break down (decubities ulcer) while performing (his/her) daily bowel/bladder and showering program. Typically the program can take up to an hour from start to completion.

Removable Armrests: (K0015) The removable armrest provides (patient name) with safety and stability while showering as well as the ability to do independent weight shifts. The removable armrest also allows for lateral transfers in and out of the shower commode chair.

Adjustable Removable Footrests: (K0052) The footrests are necessary to prevent injury to (patient name) feet and legs by allowing them to be off the ground and secure, thus preventing them from dragging them on the ground. The footrest also provides proper positioning of the lower extremities, which allows for better weight distribution in the thigh and buttocks area.

Plunger Floor Lock System: (K0108) The floor lock system provides (patient name) the ability to lock the shower commode chair in place for safe transfers as well as providing stability while performing (his/her) daily hygiene tasks.

20" Rear Wheels: (K0069) The 20" rear wheels on model 462-20, provide (patient name) the ability to independently propel (him/her) self in and out of the bathroom safely and/or make easier pushing for the caregiver to ford thresholds or move a heavier person.

DURATION OF NEED:

PHYSICIAN:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

UPIN:

SIGNATURE:

PHYSICIAN COMMENTS: _____

JUSTIFICATION FOR OPTIONS

Padded Armrests: (K0019) The padded armrest provides decreased pressure on (patient name) elbows and arms thus preventing potential skin breakdown.

Arm troughs. (K0106) The arm troughs prescribed for (patient name) provides proper support of (his/her) hand and shoulder for prevention of swelling. In addition the arm troughs will prevent subluxation of the shoulder, contractures and pain.

Push Handle Back with Double Button Lock: (K0108) The push handle back will allow (patient's name) caregiver the ability to safely maneuver (him/her) in and out of the bathroom. The push handle back will also allow (patient's name) to hook (his/her) elbow onto the push handle for stability while performing (his/her) bowel/bladder program independently.

Solid Padded Seat: (K0108). The solid padded seat will provide (patient's name) a solid base for good posture control as well as good pressure relief.

Safety Strap: (K0031NU) The safety strap provides (patient name) anterior support while propelling the shower commode chair as well as prevention from falls.

Step On Caster Locks: (K0073) The step on caster locks will provide (patient name) lateral stability to the shower commode chair so that transfers to and from the commode will be safe.

Heel Loops: (K0034). (Patient name) requires heel loops for proper positioning of (his/her) feet as well as to prevent injury to (his/her) lower extremities.

Wheel Lock Extensions: (K0079) Because of (patient's name) inability to reach (his/her) standard locks due to (his/her) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.), (he/she) requires wheel lock extensions for the safe operation of the shower commode wheelchair.