

**NARRATIVE MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR
PEDIATRIC SHOWER/COMMUNE CHAIR**

PATIENT NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

INSURANCE NAME:

ID NUMBER

DIAGNOSIS:

DATE:

DATE OF BIRTH:

**Base Unit: (E-1399) Tilt In Space Plus 282
(four) 5" Caster Wheels**

Because of (patient's name) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.) (he/she) requires a shower/commode wheelchair. The shower/commode wheelchair will provide (patient's 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 hyperreflexia (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's name) social acceptability.

JUSTIFICATION FOR STANDARD FEATURES

Tilt Adjustment Up to 30 Degrees: (K0108). (Patient's name) is highly susceptible to the development of pressure sores (decubitus ulcers) due to (his/her) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.). In addition (patient's name) has poor trunk control and severe spasticity. The tilt adjustment feature will provide (his/her) care giver the ability to perform weight shifts without compromising (patient's name) optimal position in the shower/commode chair.

Padded Seat and Back: (K0108). The padded seat and back provides (patient's name) protection from possible skin breakdown (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.

Adjustable Height Swingaway Arm: (K0016). The adjustable height swingaway arms will provide (patient's name) with safety and stability, while showering, as well as the

ability to do independent weight shifts. The swingaway feature will also allow for lateral transfers.

Elevating Legrests: (K0048). Elevating legrests will allow (patient's name) lower extremities to be elevated periodically to help prevent swelling due to adema. The elevating legrests will also allow proper positioning of (his/her) lower extremities.

Stainless Steel Frame: (E1399). The stainless steel rigid frame provides (patient's name) with a durable rust and corrosion proof shower commode chair that will last for years. The rigid frame also provides (patient's name) with a very stable and secure seating system.

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

Adjustable Seat to Back Angle: (K0108). Because of (patient's name) (disability i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.) (he/she) is unable to sit on a 90 upright position. The adjustable back angle will allow (patient's name) (care giver, family member, etc.) to adjust the back to the appropriate position so as to provide (patient's name) the optimal position for (his/her) bowel/bladder and showering program.

JUSTIFICATION FOR OPTIONS

Neat Seat Hip/Thigh Support: (K0108). The neat seat hip/thigh support will provide (patient's name) proper alignment of (his/her) hips. It will also allow for lateral stability of (his/her) hips and will relieve pressure on the thighs in the medial direction.

Abductor/Deflector: (K0108). The abductor/deflector will maintain (patient's name) hip joint in a slightly abducted position so as to promote an optimal lower extremity position and minimize possible hip subluxation.

Back Hardware to Adjust Seat Depth: (K0108). The adjustable seat depth will provide (patient's name) with optimal amount of pressure distribution throughout the thigh and buttocks area to help prevent pressure sores (decubitus ulcers).

Trunk/Thoracic Laterals: (K0108). The padded lateral trunk supports will provide (patient's name) stability and safety while being transported to and from the bathroom. The supports will also help prevent the progression of scoliosis.

Head Support Kit: (K0108). Because of (patient's name) limited head control due to (his/her) (disability i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.), (he/she) requires a head support kit to prevent injury to (his/her) head or neck while being transported to and from the bathroom.

Additional Seat Belt: (K0031NU). The safety strap provides (patient's name) anterior support while propelling the shower commode chair as well as prevention from falls.

Adjustable Angle Footplates: (K0052). The adjustable angle foot plates will provide (patient's name) necessary support for proper alignment of (his/her) lower extremities.

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

Adult with Adjustable Footplates: (K0052). The adult adjustable footplates 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 on the ground. The adult adjustable footplates also provides proper positioning of the lower extremities, which allows for better weight distribution in the thigh and buttocks area.

Work/Play Tray: (K0107). The work/play tray will provide (patient's name) with proper upper extremity positioning and also enhance (his/her) ADL activities.

DURATION OF NEED:

PHYSICIAN:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

UPIN:

SIGNATURE:

PHYSICIAN COMMENTS: _____
