

**NARRATIVE MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ADULT RECLINING
SHOWER/COMMUNE WHEELCHAIR**

PATIENT NAME:
ADDRESS:

DATE:
DATE OF BIRTH:

PHONE:

INSURANCE NAME:
ID NUMBER

DIAGNOSIS:

**Base Unit: (E-1399) Reclining Shower/Commode Chair 494, 495,
496.**

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 FEATURES

Lay Back Arms: (K0108) Because of (patient's name) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS., etc.) (he/she) does not have the ability to reposition (his/her) upper extremities when in a reclining position. The lay back arms will provide support as well as prevent any injury to (his/her) upper extremities while reclining.

Locks: (K0081) The lock will provide (patient's name) the ability to lock the reclining shower commode chair in place for safe transfers as well as providing stability while performing (his/her) daily hygiene tasks.

24" Rear Wheels: (K0069) The (24") rear wheels provide (patient name) the ability to independently propel (him/her) self in and out of the bathroom safely. In the event the user is unable to self propel, the large wheels enable the caregiver easier movement over rises and thresholds and/or in moving a heavier client.

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.

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.

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

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

Stainless Steel Frame: (E1399) The stainless steel rigid frame (496 only) provides (patient name) with a durable rust and corrosion proof shower commode chair that will last for years. The rigid frame also provides (patient name) with a very stable and secure seating system.

Head Positioning Wedge: (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 positioning wedge to prevent injury to (his/her) head or neck while being transported to and from the bathroom.

Reclining Back: (K0108) (Patient's name) is highly susceptible to pressure sores (decubitus ulcers) due to (his/her) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.). The reclining back will allow (his/her) care giver the ability to perform weight shifts for pressure relief during the lengthy process of the bowel/bladder and showering procedure.

DURATION OF NEED:

PHYSICIAN:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

UPIN:

SIGNATURE:

PHYSICIAN COMMENTS: _____

JUSTIFICATION FOR OPTIONS

Projection Handrims: (K0062) Because of (patient name) (disability, i.e. spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.), (he/she) has lost the function of (his/her) hands. The projection handrims will enable (patient name) to self propel the shower commode chair independently.

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

Pneumatic Tires: (K0067) The Pneumatic tires will provide (patient name) greater traction on the wet floors in the bathroom, creating a safe environment for entering and exiting.

PVC Plastic Dipped Handrims: (K0059) Because of (patient name) (disability, i.e. spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.) (he/she) has sustained some neurological loss of (his/her) hand function. The PVC plastic dipped hand run will enable (patient name) to self propel the shower commode chair independently.