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Thank you for choosing Colonial Medical Supplies for your Durable Equipment needs.

Medicare Guidelines for Lift Chairs

Lift chairs are now part of the Medicare Competitive Bid. Medicare will only reimburse for the seat lift mechanism which covers 80% of their allowed amount of \$248.19.

STEP

- 1. Obtain a Valid Physician's Prescription
 (This will only initiate the process. Medicare will still require a detailed written Physician's Order which includes a Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN).)
- 2. Complete Colonial Medical Supplies' Patient Information Packet
- **3.** Our Customer Service Department will verify your insurance benefits through Medicare and any supplemental insurance you may have. We will also check with Medicare to see if you have received any same or similar equipment in the past 5 years.
- **4.** We will send a Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) to the Ordering Physician via fax. Upon request, we will gladly give you a copy of this form if you prefer to deliver it to your physician, as well.
- **5.** Upon completion of the Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN), we will determine if your condition meets Medicare criteria.

MEDICARE GUIDELINES

- A. The patient must have severe arthritis of the hip or knee or have a severe neuromuscular disease.
- B. The seat lift mechanism must be a part of the physician's course of treatment and be prescribed to effect improvement, or arrest or retard deterioration in the patient's condition.
- C. The patient must be completely incapable of standing up from a regular armchair or any chair in their home. (The fact that a patient has difficulty or is even incapable of getting up from a chair, particularly a low chair, is not sufficient justification for a seat lift mechanism. Almost all patients who are capable of ambulating can get out of an ordinary chair if the seat height is appropriate and the chair has arms.)
- D. Once standing, the patient must have the ability to ambulate.