

**NARRATIVE MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ADULT STAINLESS STEEL  
SHOWER/COMMUNE WHEELCHAIR**

**PATIENT NAME:**  
**ADDRESS:**

**DATE:**  
**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**PHONE:**

**INSURANCE NAME:**  
**ID NUMBER**

**DIAGNOSIS:**

**Base Unit: (E-1399) 480-8, 480-20, 480-24.**

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**

**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.

**Toggle Locks: (K0081)** The toggle lock 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" or 24" Rear Wheels: (K0069)** The (20" 24") rear wheels provide (patient name) the ability to independently propel (him/her) self in and out of the bathroom safely.

**Padded Seat and Back: (K0108)** The padded seat and back provide (patient name)

protection from possible skin break down (decubilities ulcer) while performing (his/her) daily bowel/bladder and showering program. Typically the program can take up to an hour from start to completion.

**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.

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

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

**Stainless Steel Rigid Frame: (E1399)** The stainless steel rigid frame 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.

**DURATION OF NEED:**

**PHYSICIAN:**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**UPIN:**

**SIGNATURE:**

**PHYSICIAN COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## JUSTIFICATION FOR OPTIONS

**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.

**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.

**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 handrims will enable (patient name) to self propel the shower commode chair independently.

**Side Open Commode Seat: (E1399NU)** The side opening of the commode seat will provide (patient name) the ability to access (his/her) rectal spincter for digital stimulation and/or the insertion of a suppository for bowel evacuation. The side opening provides (him/her) the ability to perform this procedure in a normal upright position.

**Additional Safety Strap: (K0031NU)** The additional safety strap will provide (patient name) with pelvic support and prevent (him/her) from sliding out of the shower commode chair.

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

**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.