

**References: L33733, A52459**

## All Canes and Crutches

- Dispensing Order, if applicable
- Detailed Written Order (DWO)
- Beneficiary Authorization
- Proof of Delivery (POD)
  - Method 1 - Direct Delivery to the Beneficiary by the Supplier  
**The date the beneficiary/designee signs for the equipment is to be the date of service of the claim.**
  - Method 2 - Delivery via Shipping or Delivery Service  
**The shipping date is to be the date of service of the claim.**
- Continued Need
- Continued Use

## Medical Records

Medical records document all of the following:

- Beneficiary has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADL) in the home.
  - Prevents the beneficiary from accomplishing the MRADL entirely; **or**
  - Places the beneficiary at reasonably determined heightened risk of morbidity or mortality secondary to the attempts to perform an MRADL; **or**
  - Prevents the beneficiary from completing the MRADL within a reasonable time frame; **and**
- Beneficiary is able to safely use the cane or crutch; **and**
- The functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved by use of a cane or crutch.

## Billing Reminders

- A white cane for a blind person is a noncovered item and should be coded A9270.
- All canes and crutches should be billed using specific codes listed in the LCD. Do not use E1399 to code any type of cane or crutch regardless of special features or weight capacity.
- Canes or crutches which contain a spring that reduces impact and vibration against the ground should be coded with the existing codes for canes or crutches.

The content of this document was prepared as an educational tool and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. Use of this document is not intended to take the place of either written law or regulations. Suppliers are reminded to review the Local Coverage Determination and Policy Article for specific documentation guidelines.

**Print Form**

**Go Back to Front Page**