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## Hospital Bed Medicare Requirements

### Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD)

- Beneficiary's name
- Detailed description of DME item(s)
- Prescribing practitioner's NPI
- Signature & signature date of the prescribing practitioner (*Hand written or electronic, no stamps*)
- Date of the order & start date (*If start date is different from the date of the order*)
- Prescribing practitioner's printed name (*Must be PECOS enrolled*)

The WOPD must be completed on or after the date of the Face to Face visit & completed by the same practitioner

### Qualifying Guidelines<sup>1</sup>

A semi-electric hospital bed is covered if the patient requires frequent changes in body position and meets one of the following criteria:

- The beneficiary has a medical condition which requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed. Elevation of the head/upper body less than 30 degrees does not usually require the use of a hospital bed, **or**
- The beneficiary requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed in order to alleviate pain, **or**
- The beneficiary requires the head of the bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, or problems with aspiration, **or**
- The beneficiary requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.

### Face to Face/Chart Notes

- Documented in-person visit within 6 months prior to the written order
- Must reference the medical necessity of the Hospital Bed by addressing the qualifying guidelines (*A diagnosis alone is not sufficient to meet Medicare coverage criteria*)
- Conducted by MD, DO, PA, NP or CNS
- **Must be signed by MD or DO** (*Hand written or electronic, no stamps*)

### Chart Note Examples<sup>2</sup>

#### EXAMPLE 1:

*Patient has a history of ulcers on the buttocks and to prevent them from recurring he will need a hospital bed so the caregiver can rotate him on a regular basis. The patient is immobile and is unable to reposition himself in a regular bed to help prevent the reoccurrence of the ulcers.*

#### EXAMPLE 2:

*Patient has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and congestive heart failure and feels like she is choking at night. She will need a hospital bed to keep her head elevated while she sleeps to prevent choking. The head of the bed will need to be elevated greater than 30 degrees to achieve this.*

<sup>1</sup> See CMS National Coverage Determination (NCD) & Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for complete coverage policy

<sup>2</sup> Chart Note Examples are for illustrative purposes only and not specific to any patient's condition or treatment plan.