

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

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

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

**PHONE:**

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

**DIAGNOSIS:**

**Base Unit: (E-1399) Model# 285 Tilting Shower/Commode Chair.**

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.

**STANDARD FEATURES**

**Swingaway, Removable Arms: (K0016)** The swingaway arms will provide (patient's name) with safety and stability, while showering, as well as the ability to do independent weight shifts. The swingaway feature will also allow for lateral transfers.

**Wheel Locks: (K0081)** The locks provide (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.

**Padded Seat: (K0108)** The padded seat and back provide (patient name) protection from possible skin break down (decubitus ulcer) while performing (his/her) daily bowel/bladder and showering program. Typically the program can take up to an hour from start to completion.

**Cervical Support: (K0108) Limited head control and need for stability requires a head support to prevent injury to head or neck while being transported or tilted.**

**Stainless Steel 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.**

**Tilt Adjustment: (K0108) (Patient name) is highly susceptible to the development of pressure sores (decubitus ulcers) due to (his/her) (disability, i.e., spinal cord, ALS, MS, etc.). In addition (patient's name) has poor trunk control and severe spasticity. The tilt adjustment feature will provide (his/her) care giver the ability to perform weight shifts without compromising (patient's name) optimal position in the shower/commode chair.**

**DURATION OF NEED:**

**PHYSICIAN:**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**UPIN:**

**SIGNATURE:**

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

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## JUSTIFICATION FOR OPTIONS

**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.

**Adjustable Angle Footplates: (K0040)** The adjustable angle foot plates will provide (patient's name) necessary support for proper alignment of (his/her) lower extremities.

**Arm Troughs: (K0106)** Arm troughs provide support of hand and shoulder to prevent swelling. In addition, the arm troughs prevent subluxation of the shoulder, contractures, and pain.

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**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.