

## SEMI-ELECTRIC HOSPITAL BED COVERAGE CRITERIA

Coverage of a semi-electric hospital bed should be reasonable and necessary. Documentation to support that should include:

- Standard Written Order
- Face-to-Face Notes

**STANDARD WRITTEN ORDER:** A valid order must be obtained prior to delivery.

**FACE-TO-FACE NOTES:** The patient must have a face-to-face clinical evaluation by the treating provider within 6 months prior to the date of the order. Physician must document why a fixed height bed will not work and that other methods of relief have been ruled out or have been tried and failed (i.e. manual hospital bed with or without side rails and mattress).

- 1. Patient requires frequent changes in body position or has an immediate need for a change in body position, and one of the following criteria must be met:
  - a. Patient 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 semi-electric hospital bed, or
  - b. Patient requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed in order to alleviate pain, or
  - c. Patient requires the head of the bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to CHF, COPD, or problems with aspiration, or
  - d. Patient requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.

**HOSPITAL BED PACKAGE:** If a hospital bed is ordered, the patient will receive the bed frame, a standard foam mattress, and 1/2 length bed rails as part of the hospital bed package. If additional mattress pads or overlays are needed, please see the "Support Surfaces Qualification Guides" found on our website.

**HEAVY DUTY SEMI-ELECTRIC HOSPITAL BED:** A heavy duty, semi-electric hospital bed will be covered if the patient meets the requirements for a semi-electric hospital bed and weighs 350 pounds or more.

**E-PRESCRIBE:** Frontier Home Medical makes ordering equipment easier with electronic ordering through Parachute. Visit our website (*FrontierHomeMedical.com*) to learn more about Parachute and get started with electronic ordering.

## FAX PRESCRIPTION & FACE-TO-FACE NOTES TO THE LOCAL FRONTIER BRANCH.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Frontier Home Medical. Thank you for your cooperation!