

#### UnitedHealthcare® Community Plan Medical Policy

# Walkers (for New Mexico Only)

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Instructions for Use

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#### **Related Policies**

- <u>Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Medical Supplies, and Repairs/Replacements (for New Mexico Only)</u>
- Pediatric Gait Trainers and Standing Systems (for New Mexico Only)

### **Application**

This Medical Policy only applies to the state of New Mexico.

# Coverage Rationale

Walkers are proven and medically necessary in certain circumstances. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the InterQual® Medicare: Post Acute & Durable Medical Equipment, Walkers.

Click here to view the InterQual® criteria.

# **Applicable Codes**

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Description
Replacement, handgrip, cane, crutch, or walker, each
Replacement, tip, cane, crutch, walker, each
Walker, rigid (pickup), adjustable or fixed height
Walker, folding (pickup), adjustable or fixed height
Walker, with trunk support, adjustable or fixed height, any type
Walker, rigid, wheeled, adjustable or fixed height
Walker, folding, wheeled, adjustable or fixed height
Walker, enclosed, four-sided framed, rigid or folding, wheeled with posterior seat
Walker, heavy duty, multiple braking system, variable wheel resistance
Walker, heavy-duty, without wheels, rigid or folding, any type, each
Walker, heavy-duty, wheeled, rigid or folding, any type
Platform attachment, walker, each
Wheel attachment, rigid pick-up walker, per pair
Seat attachment, walker
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HCPCS Code	Description
E0157	Crutch attachment, walker, each
E0158	Leg extensions for walker, per set of four
E0159	Brake attachment for wheeled walker, replacement, each

# **Policy History/Revision Information**

Date	Summary of Changes
07/01/2024	New Medical Policy

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This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, please check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

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