

Walkers (for Ohio Only)

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Related Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Medical Supplies, and Repairs/Replacements (for Ohio Only)

Application

This Medical Policy only applies to the state of Ohio. Any requests for services that are stated as unproven or services for which there is a coverage or quantity limit will be evaluated for medical necessity using Ohio Administrative Code 5160-1-01.

Coverage Rationale

Note: For general coverage and payment policies for durable medical equipment (DME), prosthesis, orthotic devices, medical/surgical supplies, and supplier services, refer to the [Ohio Administrative Code, Rule 5160-10-01, Durable medical equipment, prostheses, orthoses, and supplies \(DMEPOS\): general provisions](#).

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For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the [Ohio Administrative Code, Rule 5160-10-30, Durable medical equipment, prostheses, orthoses, and supplies \(DMEPOS\): ambulation aids](#).

Coverage Limitations and Exclusions

For coverage limitations and exclusions, refer to the [Ohio Administrative Code, Rule 5160-10-01, Durable medical equipment, prostheses, orthoses, and supplies \(DMEPOS\): general provisions](#) and the [Ohio Administrative Code, Rule 5160-10-02, Durable medical equipment, prostheses, orthoses, and supplies \(DMEPOS\): repair](#).

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.

HCPCS Code	Description
A4636	Replacement, handgrip, cane, crutch, or walker, each
A4637	Replacement, tip, cane, crutch, walker, each
E0130	Walker, rigid (pickup), adjustable or fixed height
E0135	Walker, folding (pickup), adjustable or fixed height
E0140	Walker, with trunk support, adjustable or fixed height, any type

HCPCS Code	Description
E0141	Walker, rigid, wheeled, adjustable or fixed height
E0143	Walker, folding, wheeled, adjustable or fixed height
E0144	Walker, enclosed, four sided framed, rigid or folding, wheeled with posterior seat
E0147	Walker, heavy-duty, multiple braking system, variable wheel resistance
E0148	Walker, heavy-duty, without wheels, rigid or folding, any type, each
E0149	Walker, heavy-duty, wheeled, rigid or folding, any type
E0154	Platform attachment, walker, each
E0155	Wheel attachment, rigid pick-up walker, per pair
E0156	Seat attachment, walker
E0157	Crutch attachment, walker, each
E0158	Leg extensions for walker, per set of four
E0159	Brake attachment for wheeled walker, replacement, each

References

Ohio Administrative Code/5160/Chapter 5160-1-01. Medicaid medical necessity: definitions and principles. Available at: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-5160-1-01>. Accessed February 26, 2024.

Ohio Administrative Code/5160/Chapter 5160-10-01. Durable medical equipment, prostheses, orthoses, and supplies (DMEPOS): general provisions. Available at: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-5160-10-01>. Accessed February 26, 2024.

Ohio Administrative Code/Rule 5160-10-02. Durable medical equipment, prostheses, orthoses, and supplies (DMEPOS): repair. Available at: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-5160-10-02>. February 26, 2024.

Ohio Administrative Code/Rule 5160-10-30. Durable medical equipment, prostheses, orthoses, and supplies (DMEPOS): ambulation aids. Available at: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-5160-10-30>. Accessed February 26, 2024.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
07/01/2024	<p>Applicable Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added HCPCS codes A4636 and A4637 <p>Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated <i>References</i> section to reflect the most current information Archived previous policy version CS357OH.B

Instructions for Use

This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state (Ohio Administrative Code [OAC]) or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state (OAC) or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state (OAC) or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, please check the federal, state (OAC) 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.

UnitedHealthcare uses InterQual® for the primary medical/surgical criteria, and the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) for substance use, in administering health benefits. If InterQual® does not have applicable criteria, UnitedHealthcare may also use UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and/or Utilization Review Guidelines that have been approved by the Ohio Department for Medicaid Services. The UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies, Coverage Determination Guidelines, and Utilization Review Guidelines are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.