

Bath/Shower Chair

Bath/shower chairs may be considered for those clients who cannot safely use a regular bathtub or shower, and for those clients who have physical limitations that do not allow for unassisted bathing, showering, or bathroom use.

To request prior authorization for a bath/shower chair, the following documentation must be submitted:

Include diagnostic information pertaining to the underlying medical diagnosis/conditions to include the clients overall health status:

Clients HT: _____ WT: _____ DX: _____

Clients functional mobility status: _____

Include providers documentation which assesses the clients home for appropriateness of equipment and documents the feasibility of use of equipment requested: _____

Both chairs are grouped into three levels of design to assist clients based on their physical conditions and mobility status:

Level 1 Group. A level 1 bath/shower chair is a stationary shower chair. Level 1 bath/shower chair may be considered if the client meets one of the following criteria:

- The client has limited mobility but still has the ability to ambulate short distances
- The client has a short-term disability

Level 2 Group. A level 2 bath/shower chair is a mobile shower chair with or without commode cut out. Level 2 bath/shower chair may be considered if the client meets one of the following conditions:

- Has paralysis
- Has severe osteoarthritis
- Is nonambulatory

The client must have a shower that is adapted for rolling equipment; ramps are not acceptable for access to showers.

Level 3 Group. A level 3 bath/shower chair is a custom chair with or without commode cut out.

Level 3 bath/shower chair may be considered if the client meets one of the following criteria:

- Requires a custom chair - requires head/neck and/ or trunk support
- Spasticity
- Frequent/uncontrolled seizures
- Severely limited mobility

A custom bath/shower chair may be considered for reimbursement only if the client does not also have any type of commode chair.