

## **N-09 Resident equipment and assistive aids**

Purpose: To describe the equipment and assistive aids available for the residents and the needed maintenance of this equipment.

AKPH residents are assessed for mobility, transfer, daily care, medical, and comfort needs upon admission to the Home. Level of assistance and equipment needed for care of the resident in the Home are noted on the Assisted Living Plan.

Resident equipment that is owned by the Home is inspected and maintained by the Home. Maintenance of resident equipment that is *not* owned by the Home is the responsibility of the owner or the representative.

### Mobility assistive aids:

1. *Cane* includes white cane for the visually impaired, folding cane, quad cane with four feet, tripod cane, and adjustable cane.
2. *Walker* with or without wheels.
3. *Wheelchair* is moved manually by the resident or another person, or moves by an electric motor. Bariatric wheelchairs are designed to support large weights.
4. *Mechanical lifts* are either sling lifts (Hoyer Lift) or sit-to-stand lifts.
5. *Lift chairs, rise chairs, or recliner chairs* have a powered lifting mechanism that pushes the entire chair up from its base.
6. *Bed rails or side rails* on a bed increase resident mobility while in bed.
7. *Gait belt or transfer belt* around the resident's waist for transfer from one position to another.

### Toileting assistive aids:

1. Portable *bedside commode* with legs sits on the floor.
2. *Bedpan and urinal* is a portable pan or bottle that can be used when it is not practical to get out of bed.
3. *Toilet seat riser* raises the toilet seat to ease accessibility.

### Medical assistive aids:

1. *Glucometer* determines the concentration of blood sugar (glucose) in the blood.
2. *INR meter* measures clotting tendency of blood for determining warfarin dosage.
3. *Oxygen* is delivered by a tank, concentrator, or portable concentrator; the prescribed flow rate is set on the meter.
4. *Nebulizer* treats respiratory diseases by changing medication from a liquid to a mist for inhalation. Available in table-top or portable models.
5. *Vital sign machine* measures oxygen saturation of the blood, temperature, blood pressure, and pulse.

Comfort assistive aids:

1. *Cushions* for support while sitting (wedge, donut), pillow, mattress overlay, and concave mattress pad to protect resident from rolling off the bed.
2. *Protectors* reduce pressure over bony areas and include wedges, pillows, heel cushions, and cloth tubes to protect skin.
3. *Orthopedic shoes*.
4. *Compression stockings* (TED hose) to increase blood circulation by using pressure on the lower leg and foot.
5. *Eating aids* include modified styles for plates (scoop, deep dish, with lip, and divided); flatware with special handles; cups with handles and lids; and smocks worn by residents to protect clothing.

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