

MedStar Health, Inc.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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MP.145.MH – Knee Scooters (MedStar Select Only)

This policy applies to the following lines of business:

- ✓ MedStar Employee (Select)

MedStar Health considers **Knee Walkers and Scooters** medically necessary for the following indications:

1. Member has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility-related activities of daily living (MRADL) in the home.
2. Member has a mobility limitation (e.g. non-weight bearing on one extremity)
3. The member is able to safely use the knee walker; and
4. The functional mobility deficit can be sufficiently resolved with use of a knee walker.

Limitation: Medical necessity will only be met when member is unable to safely use a standard walker or crutch

Background

A knee scooter or knee walker is a two, three or four-wheeled alternative to crutches or a traditional walker as an ambulation aid

Code:

CPT/HCPCS	Description
E0118	Crutch substitute, lower leg platform, with or without wheels, each

References

1. Roberts, P et Carnes, S. The orthopaedic scooter. An energy-saving aid for assisted ambulation. J Bone Joint Surg Br. 1990 Jul;72(4):620-1.

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