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### Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:

Coverage allowed if the following condition is present:

- The member is physically incapable of utilizing regular toilet facilities, the member is confined to a single room, one level of the home, and there is no toilet on that level, or he/she is confined to the home and there are no toilet facilities in the house.
- Extra wide/heavy duty ([E0168](#)) allowed if member weighs more than 300 lbs.
- Mobile chair ([E0164](#), [E0166](#)) is not medically necessary and is non-covered/ no exceptions.
- Commode chair with detachable arms ([E0165](#)) allowed if necessary to facilitate transferring the member.
- Commode chair with seat lift mechanism ([E0170](#), [E0171](#)) is non-covered/no exceptions.
- Limited to one commode every seven years.

### Documentation Requirements:

Refer to the DME Manual for the required documents for the member's file for post-pay audit purposes.

### Non-covered:

- Raised toilet seats are non-covered/no exceptions.
- A commode chair that is used as a raised toilet seat by positioning it over the toilet is non-covered/no exceptions.
- Footrest ([E0175](#)) is non-covered. Not medical in nature/no exceptions.



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