# SOUTHERNMEDICAL Home Medical Equipment

### **GUIDELINES FOR POWER MOBILITY DEVICES**

#### ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE NOTED IN THE MEDICAL RECORD OF THE PATIENT

- 1. Face-To-Face Required. Please note MOBILITY EXAM as the reason for the visit.
- 2. Discuss and document the following questions and the answers into the medical record. Use diagnoses and symptoms to rule out each modality
  - a. Can the patient use a cane? No. Why? Explain
  - b. Can the patient use a walker? No. Why? Explain.
  - c. Can the patient use a manual wheelchair? No. Why? Explain.

<b>COVERAGE FOR SCOOTER</b>	COVERAGE FOR POWER WHEELCHAIR
• Justify the Scooter: Does the patient have	• Rule out the Scooter by explaining why
good upper extremity strength bilaterally?	the patient is not a good scooter candidate:
Can the patient maintain their own posture	Poor upper extremity strength, Unsafe
in a seated position? Is the patient able to	Transfers, Unable to maintain posture,
safely transfer? Does the patients home	home will not accommodate the scooter
accommodate a scooter?	turning radius.
• Explain how the Scooter will assist the	• Justify the Power Wheelchair: Explain
patient with their MRADLs (bathing,	how the power wheelchair will assist the
toileting, dressing, accessing meals,	patient with their MRADLs (bathing,
escaping home in event of an emergency).	toileting, dressing, accessing meals,
• Can the patient safely and willingly	escaping home in event of an emergency).
maneuver a scooter in the home?	• Can the patient safely and willingly use a
	power wheelchair in the home?
• REFRAIN from using references outside	• REFRAIN from using references to
of the home.	outside the home.

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### **STANDARD WRITTEN ORDER**

DATE OF ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN NAME

NPI#

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

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