



Medical Justification Language for AEL Leg Supports

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****Methodology to apply the following justifications:**

When determining the level of equipment needed, begin with the basic level of equipment. Then, determine if the next level/style of equipment would be more appropriate for the client. If so, include the basic justification with aspects of the next level/style of equipment as necessary.

Basic Justification

AEL Calf Panel

Due to (insert applicable diagnosis here) the client presents with significant lower extremity weakness and an inability to control his/her lower extremities while utilizing his/her wheelchair. The AEL Calf Panel is medically necessary in order to position the client's lower extremities in a midline position, encourage foot placement on the foot rests, but most importantly, to prevent the bilateral lower extremities from sliding off of the foot plates and becoming entangled in the caster wheels or under the chair's framework, potentially resulting in injury.

AEL's Calf Panel was specifically chosen as it is made from durable materials that are easy to clean, and it is preferred over other calf panel options as it is fabricated via a breathable cloth, designed to provide a broad surface area, while producing a favorable microclimate, reducing heat build up and protecting skin integrity.

As noted above, without the use of AEL's Calf Panel, the client will be at significant risk for injury to his/her bilateral lower extremities as a result of the feet sliding off the posterior edge of the foot plates, and becoming entrapped in the wheelchair framework or casters.

In the event the client has a history of **bladder incontinence, excessive sweating** and/or **a need to frequently and repeatedly clean** the calf panel for any reason, the following statement may be included – **Non-Stretch Modification** for Calf Panels:

Due to the patient's history of (include incontinence, excessive sweat production, etc. as appropriate) which at times can saturate the calf panel, the client will require the non-stretch modification for a calf panel, as it is comprised of vinyl, which is easy to wipe down and clean, thus protecting skin integrity and promoting proper hygiene.