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Letter of Medical Necessity for Knee Scooter

HCPC: Code EO118 – Crutch Substitute

Patient _____

Date of Need _____ **Expected Duration of Need** _____

Diagnosis _____

_____ **Code** _____

_____ **Code** _____

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____ Patient has *fracture dislocation tendon rupture surgery* which requires **absolute non weight bearing** to maximize chance for optimal healing and recovery. This patient is unable to utilize crutches effectively, or is unable to perform tasks of daily living with crutches, but can do so with the knee scooter.

____ Patient has an *ulcer infection* which requires **absolute non weight bearing** to maximize chance for optimal healing and recovery. This patient is unable to utilize crutches effectively, or is unable to perform tasks of daily living with crutches, but can do so with the knee scooter.

____ Patient has a *neurologic musculoskeletal* condition which makes him/her unable to effectively or safely bear weight on one foot. The knee scooter will greatly increase this person’s ability to function independently.

____ **Other** _____

I hereby certify that this device is medically necessary.

Signature

Date



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To: Whom It May Concern

RE: Knee scooter, alternative to crutches

The knee scooter is a crutch substitute (#E0118) that allows freedom to a patient otherwise restricted to crutches. This device is convenient, cost-effective, and allows patients to continue a level of activity that is unparalleled by any other alternative. This apparatus utilizes the patient's good foot to propel the "scooter for the knee" while allowing a comfortable resting place for a cast. The device can be of significant assistance for diabetics with Charcot Joint Disease. Of concern to doctors whose patients have Charcot Joint Disease is assuring the patient is non-weight-bearing while at the same time protecting the non-injured leg from excessive weight-bearing. Crutches are unsatisfactory, sometimes resulting in accidents and/or in complications for the unaffected foot. In the past, diabetic patients with Charcot Joint Disease have often had no alternative but a wheelchair. Placing patients in wheelchairs can put them at additional risks for further serious medical problems. The knee scooter offers a reasonable, inexpensive option.

This device can also be used for patients that must be non-weight bearing post foot reconstructive procedures, including bunionectomies, fusions and other surgeries. The critical benefits of the knee scooter are the patient's increased mobility without unacceptable weight bearing on the uninjured leg. The device can also be used with patients who have traumatic fractures and injuries when rest of the affected foot or ankle is of paramount importance.

It is clear that the knee scooter offers a significantly improved alternative to crutches. When one considers the frequency of falls by individuals using crutches or the incidence of new ulcerations on the double loaded leg of diabetics, the knee scooter becomes the best option.

Please carefully consider this device for approval and reimbursement for your patients. You will find enclosed a brochure outlining the details of the knee scooter for your patients with foot or ankle injuries or illness or those anticipating surgery. This device has unique features, which together cover nearly all foot or ankle injuries and nearly all sizes of patients.

Many doctors have reported a faster recovery by patients who used the knee scooter compared to patients who used crutches, wheel chair, or a combination. Over the past two years the knee scooter has been prescribed by numerous Podiatric and Orthopedic Surgeons in the Bay Area.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us directly.