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**POLICY:**

- Rehabilitation Services staff ensures the proper, safe and consistent use of adaptive equipment that maximizes the patient’s level of independence.
- Adaptive equipment used includes:
  - Lap board:
    - Positioned on wheelchair to support an affected limb, to assist in maintaining shoulder joint integrity
  - Grab bars:
    - Used for safety and aid when transferring in and out of tub or on and off commode
  - Versa frame:
    - Fits around toilet to assist in toilet transfers
  - Shower transfer bench:
    - For those patients unable to safely transfer in and out of tub
  - Elevated arm trough:
    - As a support to flaccid arm in maintaining shoulder joint
  - Bedside commode
  - Walkers (standard or rolling):
    - Assists the patient with functional mobility and decreases the patient’s risk of falls

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- Canes (single point or quad):
  - Assists the patient with functional mobility and decreases the patient's risk of falls
- Crutches (axillary or Lofstrand/forearm):
  - Assists the patient with functional mobility and decreases the patient's risk of falls
- Wheelchairs:
  - Assists the patient with functional mobility and decreases the patient's risk of falls
- Sliding board:
  - Assists the patient who is unable to transfer independently, or safely, from one surface to another