Based on medical necessity and satisfaction of the criteria below and all other terms of the Mississippi Medicaid program, this item is available for coverage for:

___ Beneficiaries under age 21

___ ~~Beneficiaries age 21 and over who are receiving services through the home health program~~

_X_ All beneficiaries (no age restriction)

___ Beneficiaries who are pregnant

The provider must refer to the current fee schedule for the acceptable codes and fee schedule allowances available under Medicaid.

The following criteria for coverage apply to Commode Chairs and Other Toileting Aids:

This item may be approved for :

___ Rental only

___ Purchase only

___ Rental for X months, then recertification is required

_X_ Rental up to the purchase amount or purchase when indicated

This item must be ordered by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is expected that physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants order only items within the scope of their specialty. For example, specialized items such as custom wheelchairs or prosthetics and orthotics should be ordered by specialties such as orthopedics and physicians specializing in rehabilitation. Other items are handled through other specialties.

COMMODE CHAIRS

Commode chairs are toileting aids used to assist ~~beneficiary's~~ beneficiaries who are not able to use regular toilet facilities due to their physical condition.

A commode chair is covered if the beneficiary's physical condition is such that the beneficiary is unable to use regular toilet facilities.

A commode chair with detachable arms is covered if used to facilitate transferring the beneficiary or if the beneficiary has a body configuration that requires extra commode width.

A heavy duty or extra wide commode chair, with or without detachable arms, is covered if the beneficiary weighs more than 350 pounds and meets criteria for the commode chair or the commode chair with

detachable arms.

A mobile commode chair is not medically necessary. Therefore, benefits are only allowed ~~only~~ for a stationary commode chair.

A footrest for the commode chair is **not** covered because it is not considered to be medically necessary.

RAISED TOILET SEAT

A raised toilet seat is covered if **all** of the following criteria is satisfied:

- The beneficiary has a medical condition such as being convalescent from hip surgery which prevents the beneficiary from using a regular commode without a raised seat.
- The beneficiary does not have a bedside commode capable of fitting over the toilet.

The beneficiary may qualify for either a raised toilet seat or a commode chair, but not both.

POTTY SEATS AND ADAPTIVE COMMODE EQUIPMENT

Potty seats and adaptive commode equipment are **not** covered under Mississippi Medicaid.