

Letter of medical necessity: LiteGait 75

RE: Equipment Request for XXXX YYYYYYY  
ID # ###-##-####

To whom it may concern,

XXXX is a 3 year and 9 month old girl with a diagnosis of Smith-Lemli-Opitz who is not yet walking. She has bilateral lower extremity and upper extremity low-tone contributing to her functional difficulties. Her only means of locomotion is commando crawling. She is able to sit with minimal support. When held in stance, she is able to bear weight through her lower extremities and take some steps with a scissoring pattern. She lacks balance and trunk control. XXXX's plan of care addresses strengthening of the trunk and extremities, transitional movement training, balance in sitting, four-point and standing positions, and facilitation for stepping.

Body weight support treadmill training is necessary for XXXX to improve trunk control, posture, and balance in an upright position for the purposes of ambulation and improving general function. It is vital that she is given the opportunity to experience her surroundings in an upright position. XXXX needs to have a fall free environment to practice all the components of gait. The LiteGait WalkAble (also known as LiteGait 75) in combination with a treadmill will allow task specific practice of ambulation under corrected upright, symmetrical and fall free conditions. The continual pacing offered by the treadmill will allow for repetitive stepping necessary for the acquisition of walking. Proper coordination is further assisted by the manual placement of the lower extremities and/or weight shifting by the caregiver. The WalkAble 75 is considered to be a postural control device that has a harness system, designed to safely support a child eliminating the fear of falling. It can be rolled onto a treadmill or over ground for not only walking, but also for dynamic standing, balance and crawling activities, which XXXX is in need of. Its adjustability will allow for years of growth.

XXXX has already had the opportunity of a trial in the WalkAble 75 since I own one and utilize in my practice. She was able to practice standing, walking over ground and walking on the family's treadmill. She tolerated it well. XXXX weighs 30 lbs and is 39 inches (3' 3") tall. As XXXX is a tall girl and the family's treadmill is 11 inches tall, the WalkAble (LiteGait 75) with the anti-scissoring bar attachment is needed. Please see the attached brochure with pricing information.

Should you require additional information, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank

you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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AAAAAA BBBB BBB, PT MS PCS

10/20/03

To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider the enclosed information when reviewing XXXX Mirabella's DME request. We are asking United Healthcare to cover 80% (out-of-network coverage) of the rental fee of 120.00 per month for this Walkable 75 walker. We would greatly appreciate an authorization number for this DME.

Member ID # 109-60-1644

Member's DOB 01/03/00

Diagnostic Code for DME: E1399

Vendor Providing Rental of DME: Mobility Reseach

Contact Person @ Mobility Research:

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Thank you in advance,

Niki Mirabella

718-352-6833 (If you should have any questions)