



***Bath Lift Letter of Medical Necessity (Sample)***

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Physician: (insert name here)  
Therapist: (insert name here)  
Insurance: (insert Primary Insurance)  
Policy #:  
Secondary Insurance: (Insert Secondary Ins)  
Policy #:

DOB: 01/01/2003  
Duration of Need: Lifetime  
Diagnosis: (insert all diagnoses)  
Height: (insert height)  
Weight: (insert weight)

The following is medical necessity justification for a Marlin Bath Lift for JT. JT is a 10 year old female with a primary diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Secondary to her diagnosis, JT has experienced increased weakness of her proximal muscles. JT can sit with little to no external support but generally uses one or both upper extremities to balance. JT is non ambulatory, but can do most self care tasks and bath independently.

I have been JT's primary physical therapist for the last 6 years. I have worked mostly with children with SMA and MD for 10 years both in an outpatient clinic and homecare settings. I have recommended all types of rehabilitation equipment for clients over that period of time including numerous adaptive bathing systems.

JT is currently confined to her wheelchair for the duration of the school day. At home JT is bed or wheelchair confined. Because of JT's overall height and weight, her caregivers cannot lower her into the tub. JT's home does not have an accessible shower. The only shower available for JT is a bathtub/shower combination. Her family is not able to modify the bathroom at this time. Therefore, I am recommending a Marlin Bath Lift for JT. JT is able to maneuver her manual wheelchair up to the side of a Marlin Bath Lift and independently transfer onto the bath lift. From there, JT can lower herself into the tub to complete her bathing using the hand held control of the Marlin. The Marlin Bath Lift will provide JT an appropriate level of support to allow her to be safe while bathing. The adjustable backrest can be reclined slightly to achieve the position that JT prefers. Without the recommended bath lift, it will not be possible to safely bath and care for JT's hygiene requirements. I have trialed JT in the Marlin Bath Lift in our clinic and determined it is appropriate for her use.

We have looked at and considered other bath lift options, however, the Marlin Bath Lift provided JT with the most support and was the easiest to use. The other options did not provide enough trunk support or make her feel safe when using the system. The Marlin Bath Lift was also the least costly alternative that could perform all of the functions required for JT.

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Mr. or Mrs. Physical Therapist

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Dr. Doctor

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