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Patients are forced to wait long periods of time (sometimes up to 6-9 months) in order to get DME like a walker, AFO, or wheelchair ordered. Ordering something as simple as a walker requires a visit with a doctor to get a PT referral, then seeing the PT to get assessed and provided with a recommendation, then waiting period to hear back from the MD for an order (after PT sends their recommendations), then waiting to get the equipment. Letting PTs order DME allows the patient to cut some steps and get the equipment they need to be safe and prevent falls faster. I am also in support of all other measures on the bill, but would like to highlight the need to prescribe DME