

## **Justification Statement**

3/13/09

Since 1/05/09 Mr. Bob Smith has had 40 visits to physical therapy working on right leg 'peripheral neuropathy' and difficulty walking.

In February, Mr. Smith exceeded his annual, per beneficiary financial limitation ("therapy cap") and we recommend using a "-KX" modifier to demonstrate need and expected improvement.

He has shown measurable progress on the following standardized tools:

### **Self-report measures**

1. Lower Extremity Functional Scale (see chart)
2. Oswestry Disablement Scale
3. OPTIMAL Scale

### **Performance measures**

1. Functional Reach Test (see chart)
2. Berg Balance Scale
3. Timed Up and Go Test
4. Single Leg Support Test
5. Rhomberg Test

### **Impairment measures**

1. Supine SLR (see chart)
2. Quadriceps MMT (sitting)
3. Knee Extension AROM (supine)

Additional evidence demonstrating progress and expected future improvement includes the following:

1. Bob decreased his assistive device from a walker to a 4-point quad cane over community distances.
2. His written statement, signed by Bob Smith and his wife, affirms his progressive independence in dressing, grooming and bathing at home. They both desire for Mr. Smith to continue working in physical therapy in order to attain full independence.
3. In 2008, Mr. Smith's left leg recovered from sudden onset 'peripheral neuropathy'. He had a short course of physical therapy and uses the left leg now for walking.