**Company Title**

**Address**

**Phone number**

**Sample Letter of Medical Necessity**

**Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Physician:**

**Therapist:**

**Insurance #:**

Patient is a ( age and sex of learner ) diagnosed with (provide related details e.g., motor delay, visual impairment diagnosis and resulting difficulty with walking. Patient has difficulty seeing in front of her when ambulating and requires a hand hold for direction. She often relies on feeling through her hands to determine surfaces such as walls, doorways, and obstacles on the floor. Patient is independent with her mobility. She requires use of vocal cues and a 1 handheld assist (HHA) to limit running into obstacles in front of her due to her deficits in her vision. She is able to maintain her balance when ambulating onto a 1-2” surface. She can squat to feel for the surface and step up 1” without upper body support while maintaining her balance. She has difficulty maintaining her balance when attempting to step on or over a 2-3” obstacle. Patient can ascend the stairs using a 1 HHA or rail with a reciprocal pattern. She uses her opposing hand to feel for the step that is in front of her before stepping up each step. She descends the stairs with a 2HHA and a step to pattern. She requires increased time to safely descend.

The complete pediatric belt cane set in her appropriate size is being requested for patient to

navigate in her environments at home and in the community. She would be independent in

navigating obstacles in front of her, stepping onto curbs, and going up the stairs with the belt

cane. Currently, her caregivers have to hold her hand at all times due to her vision deficits, and she is a safety risk of running into obstacles and causing injury/ fractures. Patient is often carried at school due to her not being able to navigate busy hallways. This belt cane will be used for the patient to navigate around her house and play independently, navigate around her school and be more like peers her age and navigate safely out in her community. She was able to trial a belt cane at her previous pediatric therapy clinic. Mom reports she was able to walk 50’ independently down a hallway without running into obstacles with the belt cane. A belt cane, with its wearable design, is being requested due to her young age and ease of use with its

consistent placement of the frame and decreased need for upper extremity coordination.

**Electronically signed by: Date:**