

Walker Options

U-Step Walker - this walker was specifically designed for Individuals with neurological conditions, specifically those with Parkinson's Disease. The shape of the base provides Improved stability, the location of the turning wheels provides easy maneuverability, and the reverse braking system adds an extra layer of safety to prevent falls. This walker is easily folded to transportation in a vehicle or for storage. It comes with an option to add an electronic cueing device to aide In step size and speed.

- U-Step Neuro -
<https://www.ustep.com/product/standard-model/>

U-Step Platform Walker - the U-Step platform walker has all of the benefits of the traditional U-Step walker with the added component of the platform handles. The platform handles are useful for individuals who have difficulty walking upright or have limited use of one arm.

- U-Step Neuro Platform -
<https://www.ustep.com/product/platform-model/>



2 In 1 Walker and Wheelchair - this walker and wheelchair combo is a great option for an individual who still has good walking endurance but may be fatigued after a long distance. This walker combo allows the user to walk when they feel comfortable but then can transform into a wheelchair with a simple flip of the backrest for when the user feels they need a rest. The wheelchair portion of this combo device is similar to a transport chair and cannot be maneuvered by the user - it will need to be pushed by another individual.

- 2 in 1 Walkers for Seniors with Seat, VOCIC Transformable Rollator Walker and Transport Chair - <https://tinyurl.com/29u5uzj7>



Standard Foldable Walker - this is a standard, traditional walker without wheels. It is light weight and easily foldable for easy transport and storage. This may be a good option for an individual who is just starting to feel unsteady while walking and needs a bit of extra support. It may also be beneficial to use around the house during medication off times or at night as an added layer of safety and stability. Walking with this device may feel odd at first as moving the walker and taking steps have to happen at different times.

- Drive Medical Deluxe 2-Button Folding Walker - <https://tinyurl.com/mres2s2n>



Rollator Walker - this walker has many of the same benefits as the standard foldable walker but has wheels and breaks for easy walking with the device. This walker has a seat and opens up as a storage basket if needed. This differs from the U-Step as it was not designed with neurological conditions in mind and has less of the stability features that the U-Step walkers have. This may be a good option for someone who is just starting to need a walker for around the house or in public but who is still relatively stable on their feet. The added seat makes this ideal for someone who may fatigue while walking long distances when out in public where seats may be limited.



- Medline Rollator Walker with Seat - <https://tinyurl.com/5y2s64nx>

Paying for a walker:

- It is important to know that Medicare will only pay for a new walker **every five (5) years**.
- If you believe that a U-Step walker will be something your loved one will need to use in the future, it may be in your best interest to save your Medicare walker benefits and money for that more expensive piece of equipment
- For example: if you use your Medicare dollars for standard folding walker now, and then your loved one needs a U-Step walker in two years, Medicare will not cover that more expensive walker. Saving your Medicare dollars for the more expensive equipment may be best in the long term.