

Patient Lifts

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Coverage Rationale

Indications for Coverage

Patient Lifts are proven and Medically Necessary in certain circumstances. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the InterQual® 2021, Apr. 2021 Release, Medicare: Durable Medical Equipment, Patient Lifts.

Click [here](#) to view the InterQual® criteria.

Coverage Limitations and Exclusions

The following services are excluded from coverage:

- Personal care, comfort, or convenience items
- Home modifications such as elevators, handrails and ramps
- Chairs, bath chairs, feeding chairs, toddler chairs, chair lifts and recliners
- Stair lifts and stair glides

Definitions

The following definitions may not apply to all plans. Refer to the member specific benefit plan document for applicable definitions.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Medical Equipment that is all of the following:

- Ordered or provided by a Physician for outpatient use primarily in a home setting
- Used for medical purposes
- Not consumable or disposable except as needed for the effective use of covered DME
- Not of use to a person in the absence of a disease or disability
- Serves a medical purpose for the treatment of a Sickness or injury
- Primarily used within the home

Medically Necessary: Health Care Services that are all of the following as determined by us or our designee.

- In accordance with Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice

- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, service site and duration, and considered effective for your Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, disease or its symptoms
- Not mainly for your convenience or that of your doctor or other health care provider
- Not more costly than an alternative drug, service(s), service site or supply that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of your Sickness, Injury, disease or symptoms

Reasonable Useful Lifetime (RUL): RUL is the expected minimum lifespan for the item. It starts on the initial date of service and runs for the defined length of time. The default RUL for Durable Medical Equipment is set at 5 years. RUL is also applied to other non-DME items such as orthoses and prostheses. RUL is not applied to supply items.

Prior Authorization Requirements

Prior authorization is required in all sites of service for:

- The purchase of any DME item that is greater than \$500.00.
- All custom molded or custom made (fabricated) items; this includes custom molded/custom made or custom fabricated orthotics and custom molded helmets
- Any DME being rented, repaired and/or replaced; this includes coverage for the repair or replacement of custom molded/custom made or custom fabricated and custom molded helmets for children when growth or change in the member's medical condition make replacement Medically Necessary.

Note: If an authorization is not required, referral guidelines apply in order for a member to receive in-network coverage. A prescription form or provider's medical necessity form may be accepted as a referral for Durable Medical Equipment.

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies may apply.

Oxford Health Plans has adopted the requirements and intent of the National Correct Coding Initiative. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Palmetto to manage Pricing, Data and Coding (PDAC) for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS). This notice is to confirm Oxford Health Plans has established the PDAC as a source for correct coding and coding clarification.

HCPCS Code	Description
E0621	Sling or seat, patient lift, canvas or nylon
E0625	Patient lift, bathroom or toilet, not otherwise classified
E0630	Patient lift, hydraulic or mechanical, includes any seat, sling, strap(s), or pad(s)
E0635	Patient lift, electric, with seat or sling
E0636	Multipositional patient support system, with integrated lift, patient accessible control to policy
E0639	Patient lift, moveable from room to room with disassembly and reassembly, includes all components/accessories
E0640	Patient lift, fixed system, includes all components/accessories
E1035	Multi-positional patient transfer system, with integrated seat, operated by care giver, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 lbs
E1036	Multi-positional patient transfer system, extra-wide, with integrated seat, operated by caregiver, patient weight capacity greater than 300 lbs

References

The foregoing Oxford policy has been adapted from an existing UnitedHealthcare national policy that was researched, developed and approved by UnitedHealthcare Coverage Determination Guidelines Committee. [CDG.031.01]

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual (Pub. 100-3), Chapter 1, Part 4 (Sections 200 – 310.1), § 280.

National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Durable Medical Equipment. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/ncd-details.aspx?&NCDId=190&ncdver=1&NCDSect=280.1&bc=BEAAAAAAAAQAAAA==&>

Noridian Healthcare Solutions: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jddme/article-detail/-/view/2230703/reasonable-useful-lifetime-and-duplicate-items-billing-reminder>.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
05/01/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New Clinical Policy

Instructions for Use

This Clinical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare Oxford standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the member specific benefit plan document must be referenced as the terms of the member specific benefit plan may differ from the standard plan. In the event of a conflict, the member specific benefit plan document governs. Before using this policy, please check the member specific benefit plan document and any applicable federal or state mandates. UnitedHealthcare Oxford reserves the right to modify its Policies as necessary. This Clinical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

The term Oxford includes Oxford Health Plans, LLC and all of its subsidiaries as appropriate for these policies. Unless otherwise stated, Oxford policies do not apply to Medicare Advantage members.

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual® criteria, to assist us in administering health benefits. UnitedHealthcare Oxford Clinical Policies are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.