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MP.061.MPC – Hospital Beds and Accessories

Maryland Physicians Care considers **Hospital Beds** medically necessary and covered for adult and pediatric members when the indications for the following specific beds are met:

Extra Heavy-Duty Hospital Bed is covered when both the following are met:

1. The member meets one of the indications for a hospital bed.
2. The member's weight exceeds 600 pounds.

A Fixed Height Hospital Bed is covered if one or more of the following criteria (1-4) are met:

1. The member has a medical condition which requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed. Elevation of the head/upper body less than 30 degrees does not usually require the use of a hospital bed.
2. The member requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed in order to alleviate pain.
3. The member requires the head of the bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees, most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, or problems with aspiration. Pillows or wedges must have been considered and ruled out.
4. The member requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.

Variable Height Hospital Bed is covered when both of the following are met:

1. The member meets one of the indications for a fixed height hospital bed.
2. Member requires a bed height different than a fixed height hospital bed to permit transfers to chair, wheelchair or standing position.

Semi-Electric Hospital Bed is covered when both the following are met:

1. The member meets one of the indications for a fixed height bed.
2. Member requires frequent changes in body position and/or has an immediate need for a change in body position.

Heavy Duty Extra Wide Hospital Bed is covered when both of the following are met:

1. The member meets one of the indications for a fixed height hospital bed.
2. The member's weight is more than 350 pounds, but does not exceed 600 pounds.



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Extra Heavy-Duty hospital bed is covered if the member meets one of the criteria for a hospital bed and the member's weight exceeds 600 pounds.

Total Electric Hospital Beds are not covered (the height adjustment feature is a convenience feature). Total electric beds will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

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Trapeze Equipment is covered if the member needs this device to sit up because of a respiratory condition, to change body position for other medical reasons, or to get in or out of bed.

Heavy Duty Trapeze Equipment when both of the following are met:

1. If the member meets the criteria for regular trapeze equipment.
2. The member's weight is more than 250 pounds.

A **Bed cradle** is covered when it is necessary to prevent contact with the bed coverings.

Side Rails or Safety Enclosures when both of the following are met:

1. When they are required by the patient's condition.
2. They are an integral part of, or an accessory to, a covered hospital bed.

Replacement Innerspring Mattress or Foam Rubber Mattress is covered when both of the following are met:

1. When the member's condition requires a replacement innerspring mattress.
2. When the member owns the bed.

Limitations: A written, signed, and dated order must be received by the supplier before a claim is submitted.

Exclusions: The following are considered not medically necessary and not appropriate for home use and therefore not covered because most items are not primarily medical in nature or are for convenience:

- Bed board
- Bed elevators
- Bed rail pads
- Bed wedges
- Bedroom equipment, custom
- Continuous lateral motion beds
- Kinetic therapy beds

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- Manual/power lounge beds
- Non hospital adjustable beds, ordinary beds (e.g., Simmons® Beautyrest® Adjustable bed, Craftmatic® Adjustable bed, Adjust-a Sleep Adjustable bed, Electrometric adjustable bed)
- Over-bed table
- Oscillating beds
- Regular room furniture
- Safety accessories and devices (e.g., Posey Bed canopy beds, Vail Simmons® Enclosed beds)
- Stryker frame beds
- Total electric hospital beds (the height adjustment feature is a convenience feature)
- Trapeze bars attached to an ordinary bed
- Waterbeds

See Also:

PA-010 Durable Medical Equipment, Corrective Appliances, and Other Devices

Background

The Federal and Drug Administration (FDA) estimates that today there are about 2.5 million hospital and nursing home beds in use in the United States. Between 1985 and January 1, 2009, 803 incidents of patients* caught, trapped, entangled, or strangled in beds with rails were reported to the FDA.

Codes:

| CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD-10 Codes | |
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| Code | Description |
| Fixed Height Hospital Beds | |
| E0250 | Hospital bed, fixed height, with any type side rails, with mattress |
| E0251 | Hospital bed, fixed height, with any type side rails, without mattress |
| E0290 | Hospital bed, fixed height, without side rails, with mattress |
| E0291 | Hospital bed, fixed height, without side rails, without mattress |
| Variable Height Beds | |
| E0255 | Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, with any type side rails, with mattress |
| E0256 | Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, with any type side rails, without mattress |
| E0292 | Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, without side rails, with mattress |
| E0293 | Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, without side rails, without mattress |

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| Semi-Electric Beds | |
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| E0260 | Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustment), with any type side rails, with mattress |
| E0261 | Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustment), with any type side rails, without mattress |
| E0294 | Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustment), without side rails, with mattress |
| E0295 | Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustment), without side rails, without mattress |
| Heavy Duty Beds | |
| E0301 | Hospital bed, heavy duty, extra wide, with weight capacity greater than 350 pounds, but less than or equal to 600 pounds, with any type side rails, without mattress |
| E0302 | Hospital bed, extra heavy duty, extra wide, with weight capacity greater than 600 pounds, with any type side rails, without mattress |
| E0303 | Hospital bed, heavy duty, extra wide, with weight capacity greater than 350 pounds, but less than or equal to 600 pounds, with any type side rails, with mattress |
| E0304 | Hospital bed, extra heavy duty, extra wide, with weight capacity greater than 600 pounds, with any type side rails, with mattress |
| Covered Accessories | |
| E0271 | Mattress, innerspring |
| E0272 | Mattress, foam rubber |
| E0280 | Bed cradle, any type |
| E0305 | Bed side rails, half length |
| E0310 | Bed side rails, full length |
| E0910 | Trapeze bars, aka patient helper, attached to bed, with grab bar |
| E0911 | Trapeze bar, heavy duty, for patient weight capacity greater than 250 pounds, attached to bed, with grab bar |
| E0912 | Trapeze bar, heavy duty, for patient weight capacity greater than 250 pounds, free standing, complete with grab bar |
| E0940 | Trapeze bar, free standing, complete with grab bar |
| Non Covered Accessories | |
| E0273 | Bed board |

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| E0274 | Over-bed table |
| E0315 | Bed accessory: board, table, or support device, any type |
| Non Covered Beds | |
| E0265 | Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot and height adjustments), with any type side rails, with mattress |
| E0266 | Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot and height adjustments), with any type side rails, without mattress |
| E0296 | Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot and height adjustments), without side rails, with mattress |
| E0297 | Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot and height adjustments), without side rails, without mattress |

References

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