



Group 2 Support Documentation

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Documentation Requirements

Medicare/Commercial/Tricare

- Group 2 Support Surfaces Prescription
- Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medicaid

- Medicaid Certificate of Medical Necessity
- Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medical Record Requirements

- Face-to-face visit with the treating practitioner documenting the patient's condition requiring the support surface.
 - For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
- Medical record must support that the patient has one or more of the following:
 - Multiple stage II pressure ulcers located on the trunk or pelvis, which have failed to improve over the past month, during which time the beneficiary has been on a comprehensive ulcer treatment program, including all elements of the Care Plan listed below.
 - Large or multiple stage III or IV pressure ulcer(s) on the trunk or pelvis.
 - Myocutaneous flap or skin graft for a pressure ulcer on the trunk or pelvis within the past 60 days, and has been on a group 2 or 3 support surface immediately prior to discharge from a hospital or nursing facility within the past 30 days. Coverage is generally limited to 60 days.
- Care plan established by the patient's treating practitioner or home care nurse must be on file. This plan should document:
 - Education of the patient and/or their caregiver on the prevention and/or management of pressure ulcers.
 - Regular assessment by a nurse, physician, or another licensed healthcare practitioner.
 - Appropriate turning and positioning.
 - Appropriate wound care, if applicable (for a stage II, III, or IV ulcer).
 - Appropriate management of moisture/incontinence, if applicable.
 - Nutritional assessment and intervention consistent with the overall plan of care.
- Monthly progress notes while using the Group 2 support surface. The support surface is covered until:
 - The pressure ulcer is healed.
 - If healing does not continue, the documentation in the medical chart should show that:
 - Other aspects of the care plan are being modified to promote healing, or
 - The use of the Group 2 support surface is reasonable and necessary for wound management.