



Group II Support Surfaces

Documentation Requirements

Medicare/Commercial/Tricare

- ★ Group II 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 treating practitioner documenting patient's condition that requires the support surface.
 - For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
- ★ Medical record must support that 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 II support surface. The support surface is covered until:
 - The pressure ulcer is healed.
 - If healing does not continue, the is documentation in the medical to show that:
 - Other aspects of the care plan are being modified to promote healing; or
 - The use of the Group II support surface is reasonable and necessary for wound management.