

Group 1 & 2 Support Surfaces Medicare/Medicaid and Insurance Guideline Information

MEDICARE:

The following 7 criteria provide the medical justification for Group 1 support surface. In order to qualify, the patient MUST meet criterion 1 or criterion 2 or 3 and at least 1 of criterion 4-7.

1. The patient is completely immobile
2. The patient has limited mobility
3. The patient has any stage pressure ulcer of the trunk or pelvis
4. The patient has impaired nutritional status
5. The patient has urinary or fecal incontinence
6. The patient has an altered sensory perception
7. The patient has a compromised circulatory status.

Medicare will purchase a Dry Pressure Surface.....E0184 \$204.44
 Medicare will purchase a Gel or Gel-like pressure padE0185 \$335.85

Medicare will provide a 13 month “capped rental”, a Alternating pressure pad with pump.....E0181 \$27.36 for months 1-3 \$20.52 for months 9-13
After the 13th month the pad and pump become patient owned.

The following criteria are for Group 2 Support Surfaces:

1. Multiple stage 2 pressure ulcers located on the trunk or pelvis
2. Patient has been on a comprehensive ulcer treatment program for at least the past month with the use of Group 1 support surfaces
3. The patient’s ulcers have not improved within the past month
4. Large or multiple stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcer on trunk or pelvis
5. Recent myocutaneous flap or skin graft for a pressure ulcer on the trunk or pelvis within the past 60 days
6. The patient has been on a Group 2 or 3 Support Surface immediately prior to discharge (within 30 days) from a hospital or nursing facility.

Medicare will provide a 13 month “capped rental”, a Powered pressure-reducing air mattress (low air loss mattress).....E0277 \$636.64 for months 1-3 and \$ 477.48 for months 4-13
At the end of 13 months the pressure-reducing air mattress becomes patient owned.

****Note that most Medicare replacement policies carry a patient co-pay****

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Medicaid will purchase a Gel Dry Pressure Surface E0184 \$194.70
 Medicaid will purchase a Gel or Gel-like pressure pad..... E0185 \$319.86
 Medicaid allows for a replacement pad every two years.

Medicaid will purchase a Alternating pressure pad with pump..... E0181 \$212.33
Medicaid allows for a replacement Alternating pressure pad and pump every 3 years.
Medicaid requires a prior authorization for a Powered pressure-reducing air mattress
.....E0277. With approval Medicaid allows \$703.47 per month as a rental.

In order to bill your insurance we must first have a prescription and your insurance information.