

HOSPITAL BEDS

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Commercial Plan Policy

Justification for use in the home

Hospital beds are medically justified when:

1. The condition requires positioning of the body in a manner not feasible in a standard bed (e.g., to alleviate pain, prevent contractures, or avoid secretions).
2. Management of condition requires special attachments that cannot be applied to an ordinary bed.

A variable height hospital bed may be necessary for the management of certain conditions, for example:

1. Severe arthritis or injuries to lower extremities, so the patient can sit on the edge of the bed with feet on the floor to assist in ambulation.
2. Severe cardiac conditions, where climbing into an elevated bed would be difficult due to a worsening of cardiac symptoms.
3. Spinal cord injuries, including quadriplegia and paraplegia, multiple limb amputee, and strokes.
4. Other severe debilitating conditions where the variable height feature is required to assist the patient, so they can ambulate.

Limitations/Exclusions

Continuing medical necessity for a hospital bed should be regularly monitored at intervals appropriate to the patient’s likely course of improvement, if any.

Notes

These same factors, including overall prognosis for longevity, should be weighed when determining whether to purchase or rent a hospital bed for the use of a specific beneficiary.

SelectHealth Advantage (Medicare/CMS)

SelectHealth Advantage **will follow the commercial plan policy.**

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