

Seat Lift Mechanisms

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POLICY STATEMENT

Seat lift mechanisms are designed to assist individuals to stand from a sitting position. Seat lift mechanisms can be built into chairs or can be separate for use with other furniture.

DEFINITIONS

Highmark Health Options (HHO) – Managed care organization serving vulnerable populations that have complex needs and qualify for Medicaid. Highmark Health Options members include individuals and families with low income, expecting mothers, children, and people with disabilities. Members pay nothing to very little for their health coverage. Highmark Health Options currently serves Delaware Medicaid: Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) and Diamond State Health Plan and Health Plan Plus members.

POLICY POSITION

Seat lift mechanisms may be considered medically necessary when ALL of the following are met:

- Ordered by the treating physician; and
- Prescribed to effect improvement or to attest or retard deterioration in the individual's condition; and
- Individual has severe arthritis of the hip or knee or has a severe neuromuscular disease; and
- Individual is completely incapable of standing up from a regular armchair or any chair in their home; and
- Once standing, the individual must have the ability to ambulate.

Coverage of seat lift mechanisms is limited to those types that meet ALL of the following:

- Operates smoothly; and
- Can be controlled by the individual; and
- Effectively assist an individual in standing up and sitting down without other assistance.

Seat lifts that operate by spring release mechanism with a sudden, catapult-like motion and jolt the individual from a seated to a standing position are considered not medically necessary.

Seat lift mechanisms that do not meet the criteria of this policy are considered not medically necessary.

ELIGIBLE PROCEDURE CODES

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E0627	Seat Lift Mechanism Incorporated Into A Combination Lift-chair Mechanism.
E0629	Separate Seat Lift Mechanism For Use With Patient Owned Furniture-non-electric.

References

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