

LCD for Hospital Beds And Accessories (L5049)

Contractor Information

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DME MAC

LCD Information

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L5049

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Hospital Beds And Accessories

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CMS National Coverage Policy

CMS Pub. 100-3 (Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual) Chapter 1, Sections 280.1, 280.7

Primary Geographic Jurisdiction

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Vermont

LCD Information

Oversight Region

Region I

DME Region LCD Covers

Jurisdiction A

Original Determination Effective Date

For services performed on or after 10/01/1993

Original Determination Ending Date

Revision Effective Date

For services performed on or after 10/01/2009

Revision Ending Date

Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. For the items addressed in this medical policy, the criteria for "reasonable and necessary" are defined by the following indications and limitations of coverage and/or medical necessity.

For an item to be covered by Medicare a written signed and dated order must be received by the supplier before a claim is submitted. If the supplier bills for an item addressed in this policy without first receiving the completed order, the item will be denied as not medically necessary.

A fixed height hospital bed (E0250, E0251, E0290, E0291, and E0328) is covered if one or more of the following criteria (1-4) are met:

1. The patient has a medical condition which requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed. Elevation of the head/upper body less than 30 degrees does not usually require the use of a hospital bed, or
2. The patient requires positioning of the body in ways not feasible with an ordinary bed in order to alleviate pain, or
3. The patient requires the head of the bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, or problems with aspiration. Pillows or wedges must have been considered and ruled out, or
4. The patient requires traction equipment, which can only be attached to a hospital bed.

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A variable height hospital bed (E0255, E0256, E0292, and E0293) is covered if the patient meets one of the criteria for a fixed height hospital bed and requires a bed height different than a fixed height hospital bed to permit transfers to chair, wheelchair or standing position.

A semi-electric hospital bed (E0260, E0261, E0294, E0295, and E0329) is covered if the patient meets one of the criteria for a fixed height bed and requires frequent changes in body position and/or has an immediate need for a change in body position.

A heavy duty extra wide hospital bed (E0301, E0303) is covered if the patient meets one of the criteria for a fixed height hospital bed and the patient's weight is more than 350 pounds, but does not exceed 600 pounds.

An extra heavy-duty hospital bed (E0302, E0304) is covered if the patient meets one of the criteria for a hospital bed and the patient's weight exceeds 600 pounds.

A total electric hospital bed (E0265, E0266, E0296, and E0297) is not covered; the height adjustment feature is a convenience feature. Total electric beds will be paid as the least costly medically appropriate alternative for the comparable semi-electric bed (E0260, E0261, E0294, and E0295).

For any of the above hospital beds (plus those coded E1399 - see Policy Article Coding Guidelines), if documentation does not support the medical necessity of the type of bed billed, payment will be based on the allowance for the least costly medically appropriate alternative.

If the patient does not meet any of the coverage criteria for any type of hospital bed it will be denied as not medically necessary.

ACCESSORIES:

Trapeze equipment (E0910, E0940) is covered if the patient needs this device to sit up because of a respiratory condition, to change body position for other medical reasons, or to get in or out of bed.

Heavy duty trapeze equipment (E0911, E0912) is covered if the patient meets the criteria for regular trapeze equipment and the patient's weight is more than 250 pounds.

A bed cradle (E0280) is covered when it is necessary to prevent contact with the bed coverings.

Side rails (E0305, E0310) or safety enclosures (E0316) are covered when they are required by the patient's condition and they are an integral part of, or an accessory to, a covered hospital bed.

If a patient's condition requires a replacement innerspring mattress (E0271) or foam rubber mattress (E0272) it will be covered for a patient owned hospital bed.

Coverage Topic

Durable Medical Equipment

Hospital Beds

Coding Information

CPT/HCPCS Codes

The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage.

HCPCS MODIFIERS:

EY - No physician or other licensed health care provider order for this item or service

GA – Waiver of liability on file

GK - Reasonable and necessary item/service associated with a GA or GZ modifier

GL - Medically unnecessary upgrade provided instead of non-upgraded item, no charge, no ABN

GZ – Item or service expected to be denied as not reasonable and necessary

KX - Requirements specified in the medical policy have been met

HCPCS CODES:

FIXED HEIGHT BEDS:

E0250 HOSPITAL BED, FIXED HEIGHT, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0251 HOSPITAL BED, FIXED HEIGHT, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0290 HOSPITAL BED, FIXED HEIGHT, WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0291 HOSPITAL BED, FIXED HEIGHT, WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0328 HOSPITAL BED, PEDIATRIC, MANUAL, 360 DEGREE SIDE ENCLOSURES, TOP OF HEADBOARD, FOOTBOARD AND SIDE RAILS UP TO 24 INCHES ABOVE THE SPRING, INCLUDES MATTRESS

VARIABLE HEIGHT BEDS

E0255 HOSPITAL BED, VARIABLE HEIGHT, HI-LO, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0256 HOSPITAL BED, VARIABLE HEIGHT, HI-LO, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0292 HOSPITAL BED, VARIABLE HEIGHT, HI-LO, WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0293 HOSPITAL BED, VARIABLE HEIGHT, HI-LO, WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

SEMI-ELECTRIC BEDS

E0260 HOSPITAL BED, SEMI-ELECTRIC (HEAD AND FOOT ADJUSTMENT), WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0261 HOSPITAL BED, SEMI-ELECTRIC (HEAD AND FOOT ADJUSTMENT), WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0294 HOSPITAL BED, SEMI-ELECTRIC (HEAD AND FOOT ADJUSTMENT), WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0295 HOSPITAL BED, SEMI-ELECTRIC (HEAD AND FOOT ADJUSTMENT), WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0329 HOSPITAL BED, PEDIATRIC, ELECTRIC OR SEMI-ELECTRIC, 360 DEGREE SIDE ENCLOSURES, TOP OF HEADBOARD, FOOTBOARD AND SIDE RAILS UP TO 24 INCHES

Coding Information

ABOVE THE SPRING, INCLUDES MATTRESS

TOTAL ELECTRIC BEDS

E0265 HOSPITAL BED, TOTAL ELECTRIC (HEAD, FOOT AND HEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS), WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0266 HOSPITAL BED, TOTAL ELECTRIC (HEAD, FOOT AND HEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS), WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0296 HOSPITAL BED, TOTAL ELECTRIC (HEAD, FOOT AND HEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS). WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0297 HOSPITAL BED, TOTAL ELECTRIC (HEAD, FOOT AND HEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS), WITHOUT SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

HEAVY DUTY BEDS

E0301 HOSPITAL BED, HEAVY DUTY, EXTRA WIDE, WITH WEIGHT CAPACITY GREATER THAN 350 POUNDS, BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 600 POUNDS, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0302 HOSPITAL BED, EXTRA HEAVY DUTY, EXTRA WIDE, WITH WEIGHT CAPACITY GREATER THAN 600 POUNDS, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITHOUT MATTRESS

E0303 HOSPITAL BED, HEAVY DUTY, EXTRA WIDE, WITH WEIGHT CAPACITY GREATER THAN 350 POUNDS, BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 600 POUNDS, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

E0304 HOSPITAL BED, EXTRA HEAVY DUTY, EXTRA WIDE, WITH WEIGHT CAPACITY GREATER THAN 600 POUNDS, WITH ANY TYPE SIDE RAILS, WITH MATTRESS

ACCESSORIES

E0271 MATTRESS, INNERSPRING

E0272 MATTRESS, FOAM RUBBER

E0273 BED BOARD

E0274 OVER-BED TABLE

E0280 BED CRADLE, ANY TYPE

E0305 BED SIDE RAILS, HALF LENGTH

E0310 BED SIDE RAILS, FULL LENGTH

E0315 BED ACCESSORY: BOARD, TABLE, OR SUPPORT DEVICE, ANY TYPE

E0316 SAFETY ENCLOSURE FRAME/CANOPY FOR USE WITH HOSPITAL BED, ANY TYPE

E0910 TRAPEZE BARS, A/K/A PATIENT HELPER, ATTACHED TO BED, WITH GRAB BAR

E0911 TRAPEZE BAR, HEAVY DUTY, FOR PATIENT WEIGHT CAPACITY GREATER THAN 250 POUNDS, ATTACHED TO BED, WITH GRAB BAR

E0912 TRAPEZE BAR, HEAVY DUTY, FOR PATIENT WEIGHT CAPACITY GREATER THAN 250 POUNDS, FREE STANDING, COMPLETE WITH GRAB BAR

E0940 TRAPEZE BAR, FREE STANDING, COMPLETE WITH GRAB BAR

Coding Information

MISCELLANEOUS

E1399 DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, MISCELLANEOUS

ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

Diagnoses that Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity Asterisk Explanation

Diagnoses that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

General Information

Documentation Requirements

Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act precludes payment to any provider of services unless "there has been furnished such information as may be necessary in order to determine the amounts due such provider". It is expected that the patient's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The patient's medical records include the physician's office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records, records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This documentation must be available upon request.

An order for each item billed must be signed and dated by the treating physician, kept on file by the supplier, and made available upon request. Items billed before a signed and dated order has been received by the supplier must be submitted with an EY modifier added to each affected HCPCS code.

KX, GA, AND GZ MODIFIERS:

Suppliers must add a KX modifier to a hospital bed code only if all of the criteria in the "Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity" section of this policy have been met. The KX modifier should also be added for an accessory when the applicable accessory criteria are met. If the requirements for the KX modifier are not met, the KX modifier must not be used.

If all of the coverage criteria have not been met, the GA or GZ modifier must be added to a claim line for a hospital bed and accessories. When there is an expectation of a medical necessity denial, suppliers must enter the GA modifier on the claim line if they have obtained a properly executed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) or the GZ modifier if they have not obtained a valid ABN.

Claim lines billed without a KX, GA or GZ modifier will be rejected as missing information.

UPGRADE MODIFIERS:

When a hospital bed upgrade is provided, the GA, GK, GL and/or GZ modifiers must be used to indicate the upgrade. Fully electric hospital beds must always be billed with these modifiers.

Refer to the Supplier Manual for more information on documentation requirements.

General Information

Appendices

Utilization Guidelines

Refer to Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity.

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Start Date of Comment Period

03/30/1993

End Date of Comment Period

05/14/1993

Start Date of Notice Period

08/01/1993

Revision History Number

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Revision History Explanation

Revision Effective Date: 10/01/2009

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Revised: KX modifier.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Added: Instructions for the use of GA and GZ modifiers.

03/01/2008 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act, this policy was transitioned to DME MAC NHIC (16003) LCD L5049 from DME PSC TriCenturion (77011) LCD L5049.

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2008

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Added: E0328 and E0329.

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: E0328 and E0329.

Revision Effective Date: 07/01/2007

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: GA, GK, GL, and GZ modifiers.

General Information

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Clarified: Instructions for KX modifiers.

Added: Modifier requirements for upgrades.

06/01/2007 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Virginia and West Virginia were transitioned from DME PSC TriCenturion (77011) to DME PSC TrustSolutions (77012).

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2007

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Clarified: Noncoverage of fully electric beds with LCA statement.

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: KX modifier.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Removed: Requirement to submit a CMN.

Added: KX modifier use.

03/01/2006 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, this policy was transitioned to DME PSC TriCenturion (77011) from DMERC Tricenturion (77011).

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2006

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Added: Criteria for E0911 and E0912.

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: E0911, E0912.

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2006

LMRP converted to LCD and Policy Article.

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Added: E0316 to paragraph about side-rails.

Revision Effective Date: 04/01/2004

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: E0301, E0302, E0303, E0304

Deleted: K0549, K0550.

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Added: References to new codes and removed deleted codes.

CODING GUIDELINES:

Added: References to new codes and removed deleted codes.

Updated: Unbundling tables to include new codes.

Revision Effective Date: 04/01/2003

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: EY modifier

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Added: Standard language concerning coverage of items without an order.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Added: Standard language concerning use of EY modifier for items without an order.

The revision dates listed below are the dates the revisions were published and not necessarily the effective dates for the revisions.

04/01/2002 - HCPCS code E0316 added to policy. Deleted requirement to list ICD-9 diagnosis codes for bed cradles (E0280).

10/01/2001 - Consolidated DMERC policies for all types of hospital beds and their accessories. The revision involves coding guidelines and the newer codes for heavy duty and extra heavy duty beds.

General Information

06/01/1994 – Clerical correction.

12/01/1993 – Corrected HAO to HAO in Documentation section.

Reason for Change

Last Reviewed On Date

Related Documents

Article(s)

[A37213 - Hospital Beds And Accessories - Policy Article - Effective October 2009](#)

LCD Attachments

There are no attachments for this LCD

**Article for Hospital Beds And Accessories - Policy Article - Effective October 2009
(A37213)**

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Article Type

Article

Key Article

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Article Title

Hospital Beds And Accessories - Policy Article - Effective October 2009

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Article Information

DME Region Article Covers

Jurisdiction A

Original Article Effective Date

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Article Revision Effective Date

10/01/2009

Article Text

NONMEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES

A bed board (E0273, E0315) is noncovered since it is not primarily medical in nature.

An over bed table (E0274, E0315) is noncovered because it is not primarily medical in nature.

Trapeze bars attached to a bed (E0910, E0911) are noncovered when used on an ordinary bed.

CODING GUIDELINES

A fixed height hospital bed is one with manual head and leg elevation adjustments but no height adjustment.

A variable height hospital bed is one with manual height adjustment and with manual head and leg elevation adjustments.

A semi-electric bed is one with manual height adjustment and with electric head and leg elevation adjustments.

A total electric bed is one with electric height adjustment and with electric head and leg elevation adjustments.

An ordinary bed is one which is typically sold as furniture. It may consist of a frame, box spring and mattress. It is a fixed height and may or may not have head or leg elevation adjustments.

E0301 and E0303 are hospital beds that are capable of supporting a patient who weighs more than 350 pounds, but no more than 600 pounds.

E0302 and E0304 are hospital beds that are capable of supporting a patient who weighs more than 600 pounds.

E0316 is a safety enclosure used to prevent a patient from leaving the bed.

E1399 should be used for products not described by the specific HCPCS codes above.

Article Information

A Column II code is included in the allowance for the corresponding Column I code when provided at the same time and must not be billed separately at the time of billing the Column I code.

Column I	Column II
E0250	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310
E0251	E0305, E0310
E0255	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310
E0256	E0305, E0310
E0260	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310
E0261	E0305, E0310
E0265	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310
E0266	E0305, E0310
E0290	E0271, E0272
E0292	E0271, E0272
E0294	E0271, E0272
E0296	E0271, E0272
E0301	E0305, E0310
E0302	E0305, E0310
E0303	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310
E0304	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310
E0328	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310
E0329	E0271, E0272, E0305, E0310

When mattress or bedside rails are provided at the same time as a hospital bed, use the single code that combines these items.

E0271, E0272: Mattress, innerspring/foam rubber

- When combined with E0251, bill as E0250
- When combined with E0291, bill as E0290
- When combined with E0293, bill as E0292
- When combined with E0295, bill as E0294
- When combined with E0266, bill as E0265
- When combined with E0297, bill as E0296
- When combined with E0301, bill as E0303
- When combined with E0302, bill as E0304

Article Information

E0305, E0310: Bedside rails, half-length/full-length

- When combined with E0290, bill as E0250
- When combined with E0291, bill as E0251
- When combined with E0292, bill as E0255
- When combined with E0293, bill as E0256
- When combined with E0294, bill as E0260
- When combined with E0295, bill as E0261
- When combined with E0296, bill as E0265
- When combined with E0297, bill as E0266

E0271, E0272: Mattress, innerspring/foam rubber plus E0305, E0310: Bedside rails, half-length/full-length

- When combined with E0291, bill as E0250
- When combined with E0293, bill as E0255
- When combined with E0295, bill as E0260
- When combined with E0297, bill as E0265

Suppliers should contact the Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) Contractor for guidance on the correct coding of these items.

Coverage Topic

Durable Medical Equipment
Hospital Beds

Coding Information

No Coding Information has been entered in this section of the article.

Other Information

Revision History Explanation

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CODING GUIDELINES:

Changed: SADMERC to PDAC.

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Other Information

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2008

CODING GUIDELINES:
Added E0328 and E0329.

06/01/2007 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Virginia and West Virginia were transitioned from DME PSC TriCenturion (77011) to DME PSC TrustSolutions (77012).

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2007

CODING GUIDELINES:
Removed: Examples from E1399 guidelines.

03/01/2006 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, this article was transitioned to DME PSC TriCenturion (77011) from DMERC Tricenturion (77011).

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2006

NONMEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES:
Clarified: Trapeze bars
Added: Code E0911.

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2006

LMRP converted to LCD and Policy Article.

Related Documents

LCD(s)

[L5049 - Hospital Beds And Accessories](#)