

Guideline Title: SHP Miscellaneous Assistive Devices for Home Use

ORG/OTC Code: SHP Durable Medical Equipment

Coverage:

See the appropriate benefit document for specific coverage determination. Member specific benefits take precedence over medical policy.

For members under the age of 21 years enrolled in Optima Virginia Medicaid Plans, coverage may be explored through Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment under individual consideration.

Application to Products:

Policy is applicable to Optima Virginia Medicaid Plans.

Optima Medicare Plans will utilize the NCD.

No coverage for Optima Commercial Plans.

Authorization Requirements:

Pre-certification by the Plan is required.

Description of Item or Service:

An assistive device is equipment that can be used in the home to assist with activities of daily living to improve or maintain quality of life.

Exceptions and Limitations:

There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of the following services as they are not shown to improve health outcomes upon technology review:

- Bath chair (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Bath benches (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Bath stools (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Bathmats
- Bathing systems (e.g., Otter Bathing System, Rifton's Blue Wave bathing system) - (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Electric Infrared Heating Devices (i.e. pads, mats, etc.)
- Footrests with commode (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Grab bars (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)

- Grabbers or reachers (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Hand-held shower devices
- Paraffin baths (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Raised toilet seat (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Saunas
- Shower Chair (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- Spas
- Toilet rails (see criteria section for Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage)
- The Freedom Concepts Chill-Out Chair
- Whirlpool baths

There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of Miscellaneous Assistive Devices for Home Use for uses other than those listed in the clinical indications for procedure section.

Clinical Indications for Procedure:

For Individuals with Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan coverage , the following items are a covered benefit.
One or more of the following:

- Miscellaneous assistive devices such as **one or more of the following:**
 - One Bath chair in 36 months
 - One Bath bench or tub stool in 36 months
 - Footrests with commode, no more than 2 in 36 months
 - One Raised toilet seat in 36 months
 - One Shower Chair in 36 months
- **Bathing system with ALL of the following:**
 - Special bathing systems may be approved by the medical director under individual consideration.
- **Paraffin bath unit with ALL of the following:**
 - Individual has undergone successful trial period of paraffin therapy ordered by physician.
 - Individual's condition is expected to be relieved by long-term use of this modality.
- Certain items may be approved through the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus Waiver Services with **ALL of the following:**
 - Advisement from Medical Director for environmental modification
 - Assistive devices such as **one or more of the following:**
 - Grab bars
 - Grabbers or reachers

Miscellaneous Assistive Devices for Home Use for individuals with:

- **Optima Commercial Plan** are **NOT COVERED** for **ANY** of the following:
 - Bathmats

- Bathing systems (e.g., Otter Bathing System, Rifton's Blue Wave bathing system)
 - Electric Infrared Heating Devices (i.e. pads, mats, etc.)
 - Footrests with commode
 - Grab bars
 - Grabbers or reachers
 - Hand-held shower devices
 - Paraffin baths
 - Saunas
 - Spas
 - Toilet rails
 - The Freedom Concepts Chill-Out Chair
 - Whirlpool baths
- **Optima Virginia Medicaid Plan** are NOT COVERED for ANY of the following:
 - Bathmats
 - Electric Infrared Heating Devices (i.e. pads, mats, etc.)
 - Hand-held shower devices
 - Saunas
 - Spas
 - The Freedom Concepts Chill-Out Chair
 - Whirlpool baths

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Coding Information:

CPT/HCPCS codes covered if policy criteria is met:

HCPCS A4265 - Paraffin, per pound

HCPCS E0163 - Commode chair, mobile or stationary, with fixed arms

HCPCS E0167 - Pail or pan for use with commode chair, replacement only

HCPCS E0168 - Commode chair, extra wide and/or heavy duty, stationary or mobile, with or without arms, any type, each

HCPCS E0175 - Footrest, for use with commode chair, each

HCPCS E0235 - Paraffin bath unit, portable (see medical supply code A4265 for paraffin)

HCPCS E0240 - Bath/shower chair, with or without wheels, any size

HCPCS E0241 - Bathtub wall rail, each

HCPCS E0242 - Bathtub rail, floor base

HCPCS E0244 - Raised toilet seat

HCPCS E0245 - Tub stool or bench

CPT/HCPCS codes considered not medically necessary per this Policy:

HCPCS A4639 - Replacement pad for infrared heating pad system, each

HCPCS E0221 - Infrared heating pad system

HCPCS E0243 - Toilet rail, each

HCPCS E1300 - Whirlpool, portable (overtub type)

HCPCS E1310 - Whirlpool, nonportable (built-in type)

HCPCS K1003 - Whirlpool tub, walk in, portable

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