

Standing Frames Medicaid DMAS Document, DME 41

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All requests for authorization for the services described by this medical policy will be reviewed per Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) guidelines. These services may be authorized under individual consideration for Medicaid members under the age of 21-years if the services are judged to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate the member's condition. Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), Supplement B - EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) Manual.*

Description & Definitions:

Rehabilitation equipment is designed to assist an individual in the activities of daily living. Rehabilitation equipment includes standing frames and table systems. This equipment is designed to bring a member into an upright position or to stimulate vestibular function, or to stimulate balance.

Criteria:

Commonwealth of Virginia. Department of Medical Assistance Services. Provider Manual Title: Durable Medical Equipment - Revision Date: 5.23.2025. Pages 37-38. https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/2025-05/DME%20Chapter%20IV%20%28updated%205.23.25%29_Final.pdf

The following conditions must be met for DMAS or its contractor to approve reimbursement of these types of rehabilitation equipment. These conditions are applicable whether the equipment is for initial use or replacement. (12 VAC 30-50-165).

Standing frames are considered medically necessary for **ALL of the following:**

- Individual-based outcomes are expected and **1 or more of the following:**
 - An identified, realistic goal of functional ambulation exists and/or the individual has achieved progressive mobility goals at the time the equipment is requested (i.e., the individual is able to come from supine to sit, able to maintain dynamic sitting balance, and to right balance; the individual is actively pursuing ambulation goals; and there is a reasonable expectation the goal(s) will be achieved, such as with the use of tilt tables, prone standers, etc.)
 - An identified goal of a level of functional independence in activities of daily living exists, the achievement of which depends upon the individual's maintaining an upright position in order to maximize the use of the upper extremities and/or to increase visual/perceptual integration, such as with the use of tilt tables, prone standers, etc.

- An identified goal of a level of functional independence in ambulation and/or activities of daily living exists, the achievement of which is dependent upon the stimulation of vestibular function, balance, and/or neurodevelopmental progression, such as with the use of balance balls, etc.
- Supportive activities to accomplish outcomes and **ALL of the following**:
 - Goal(s) must be part of an active, rehabilitative, therapeutic plan of care in place at the initiation of use of the equipment. The goal(s) must be realistic in that it is consistent with the individual's cognitive, environmental, and physical status
 - The individual and/or caregiver demonstrates the ability cognitively, motivationally, and physically to effectively utilize the equipment toward goal achievement. Someone is available to regularly assist the individual as necessary in the use of the equipment in order that progress toward goal achievement can occur
 - The individual does not have a deficient level of "energy" or other systemic condition (e.g., CHF, COPD) that adversely impacts the ability to participate in the use of the equipment
 - The equipment must reduce the need for other reimbursed health care such as personal care, private duty nursing, rehabilitation services, and/or home health services.

Document History:

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- 2025: September – Implementation date of January 1, 2026. No criteria changes. Updated reference per DMAS manual revision. Updated to new format.
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- 2022: October
- 2021: November
- 2020: November
- 2015: January, March, August, December
- 2014: October
- 2013: November

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- 2024: October – no changes references updated
- 2019: November
- 2018: April
- 2017: January
- 2015: July

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Coding:

Medically necessary with criteria:

| Coding | Description |
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| E0638 | Standing frame/table system, one position (e.g., upright, supine or prone stander), any size including pediatric, with or without wheels |
| E0641 | Standing frame/table system, multi-position (e.g., 3-way stander), any size including pediatric, with or without wheels |
| E0642 | Standing frame/table system, mobile (dynamic stander), any size including pediatric |

Considered Not Medically Necessary:

| Coding | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| | None |

The preceding codes are included above for informational purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Additionally, inclusion or exclusion of a treatment, procedure, or device code(s) does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement.

Special Notes: *

- Coverage: See the appropriate benefit document for specific coverage determination. Member specific benefits take precedence over medical policy.
- Application to Products: Policy is applicable to Sentara Health Plan Medicaid products.
- Authorization Requirements:
 - Pre-certification by the Plan is required.
- Special Notes:
 - Medicaid
 - This medical policy express Sentara Health Plan's determination of medically necessity of services, and they are based upon a review of currently available clinical information. These policies are used when no specific guidelines for coverage are provided by the Department of Medical Assistance Services of Virginia (DMAS). Medical Policies may be superseded by state Medicaid Plan guidelines. Medical policies are not a substitute for clinical judgment or for any prior authorization requirements of the health plan. These policies are not an explanation of benefits.
 - Medical policies can be highly technical and complex and are provided here for informational purposes. These medical policies are intended for use by health care professionals. The medical policies do not constitute medical advice or medical care. Treating health care professionals are solely responsible for diagnosis, treatment and medical advice. Sentara Health Plan members should discuss the information in the medical policies with their treating health care professionals. Medical technology is constantly evolving and these medical policies are subject to change without notice, although Sentara Health Plan will notify providers as required in advance of changes that could have a negative impact on benefits.
 - The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) covers services, products, or procedures for children, if those items are determined to be medically necessary to "correct or ameliorate" (make better) a defect, physical or mental illness, or condition (health problem) identified through routine medical screening or examination, regardless of whether coverage for the same service or support is an optional or limited service under the state plan. Children enrolled in the FAMIS Program are not eligible for all EPSDT treatment services. All requests for authorization for the services described by this medical policy will be reviewed per EPSDT guidelines. These services may be authorized under individual consideration for Medicaid members under the age of 21-years if the services are judged to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate the member's condition. Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), Supplement B - EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) Manual.
 - Service authorization requests must be accompanied by sufficient clinical records to support the request. Clinical records must be signed and dated by the requesting provider within 60 days of the date of service requested.

References:

Including but not limited to: Specialty Association Guidelines; Government Regulations; Winifred S. Hayes, Inc; UpToDate; Literature Review; Specialty Advisors; National Coverage Determination (NCD); Local Coverage Determination (LCD).

Commonwealth of Virginia. Department of Medical Assistance Services. Provider Manual Title: Durable Medical Equipment - Revision Date: 5.23.2025. Pages 37-38. Retrieved 7.9.2025.

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SHP Standing Frames, SHP Durable Medical Equipment 41, ambulation, tilt tables, prone standers, non-powered standing device