Sentara Health Plans

Commercial

Standing Frames, DME 41

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Member-specific benefits take precedence over medical policy and benefits may vary across plans. Refer to the individual's benefit plan for details *.

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: Pages 42-43.

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:

Revised Dates:

- 2026: July – Implementation date of November 1, 2026. Annual review. No criteria changes. Updated reference per DMAS manual revision.
- 2025: September – Implementation date of January 1, 2026. No criteria changes. Updated reference per DMAS manual revision. Updated to new format.
- 2023: October
- 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
E0637	Combination sit-to-stand frame/table system, any size including pediatric, with seat lift feature, with or without wheels

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. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage of these services as it applies to an individual member.

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 Commercial products.
- Authorization Requirements:
  - Pre-certification by the Plan is required.
  - **Please refer to Prior Authorization List for most up to date requirement Search PAL List: Sentara Health Plans**
- Special Notes:
  - 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.
  - Services mean both medical and behavioral health (mental health) services and supplies unless We specifically tell You otherwise. We do not cover any services that are not listed in the Covered Services section unless required to be covered under state or federal laws and regulations. We do not cover any services that are not Medically Necessary. We sometimes give examples of specific services that are not covered but that does not mean that other similar services are covered. Some services are covered only if We authorize them. When We say You or Your We mean You and any of Your family members covered under the Plan. Call Member Services if You have questions.

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