

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:

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

- Device is a non-powered standing device
- The individual is unable to independently ambulate or stand secondary to a neuromuscular condition (such as multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury or stroke) but has enough strength in lower body (e.g. hips and legs) to allow for use of the device.
- Use of this device allows the individual to obtain a standing position with limited assistance.
- Standing device training has been completed and the individual has documented ability to use the device safely.
- Use of the standing frame device facilitates individual in meaningful and beneficial improvements of at least **1 or more of the following:**
 - Performing activities of daily living (ADLs), independence
 - Skin integrity by relieving pressure
 - Frequent changes in position
 - Circulatory, digestive or respiratory function

There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of standing frames for uses other than those listed in the clinical indications for procedure section.

Document History:

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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.
- Special Notes:
 - Commercial:
 - 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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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).

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