

IMPORTANT MEDICARE UPDATE

Skin and positioning cushions (E2607, Ride Forward cushions) are now available for a number of diagnoses that previously required documentation of an actual pressure ulcer. This is most significant for brain injury with quadriplegia or hemiplegia, as well as stroke with hemiplegia.

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Skin Protection & Positioning Cushions

Medicare Funding for Forward Cushions, effective Dec 1, 2009.

Coverage Criteria – SKIN PROTECTION AND POSITIONING E2607

A combination skin protection and positioning seat cushion E2607 is covered for a patient who meets the criteria for both a skin protection seat cushion and a positioning seat cushion. See below:

Coverage Criteria – SKIN PROTECTION

A skin protection seat cushion E2603, E2604, K0734, K0735 is covered for a patient who meets both of the following criteria:

1. The patient has a manual wheelchair or a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back and the patient meets Medicare coverage criteria for it; and
2. The patient has either of the following: a. Current pressure ulcer (ICD-9 CM codes 707.03, 707.04, 707.05) or past history of a pressure ulcer (707.03, 707.04, 707.05) on the area of contact with the seating surface; or

b. Absent or impaired sensation in the area of contact with the seating surface or inability to carry out a functional weight shift due to one of the following diagnoses: spinal cord injury resulting in quadriplegia or paraplegia (344.00–344.1), other spinal cord disease (336.0-336.3), multiple sclerosis (340), other demyelinating disease (341.0-341.9), cerebral palsy (343.0-343.9), anterior horn cell diseases including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (335.0-335.21, 335.23-335.9), post polio paralysis (138) traumatic brain injury resulting in quadriplegia (344.09), spina bifida (741.00-741.93), childhood cerebral degeneration (330.0-330.9), Alzheimer's disease (331.0), Parkinson's disease (332.0), muscular dystrophy (359.0, 359.1), **hemiplegia (342.00-342.92, 438.20-438.22)*, Huntington's chorea (333.4)*, idiopathic torsion dystonia (333.6)*, athetoid cerebral palsy (333.71)***

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Coverage Criteria – POSITIONING:

A positioning seat cushion E2605, E2606 is covered for a patient who meets both of the following criteria:

1. The patient has a manual wheelchair or a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back and the patient meets Medicare coverage criteria for it; and
2. The patient has any significant postural asymmetries that are due to one of the diagnoses listed in criterion 2b above or to one of the following diagnoses: monoplegia of the lower limb (344.30-344.32, 438.40-438.42) due to stroke, traumatic brain injury, or other etiology, spinocerebellar disease (334.0-334.9), **above knee leg amputation (897.2-897.7)*, osteogenesis imperfecta (756.51)*, transverse myelitis (323.82)*.**

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