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PURPOSE:

The intent of this clinical policy is to ensure services are medically necessary.

Please refer to the member's benefit document for specific information. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this policy and the terms of the member's benefit plan or certificate of coverage, the terms of the member's benefit plan document will govern.

POLICY:

Benefits must be available for health care services. Health care services must be ordered by a provider. Health care services must be medically necessary, applicable conservative treatments must have been tried, and the most cost-effective alternative must be requested for coverage consideration.

GUIDELINES:

Medical Necessity Criteria – Must satisfy the following: I, and either II or III

- I. Member is non-ambulatory
- II. Standing systems (E0638, E0641, E0642) - must satisfy all the following: A - D
 - A. The standing system is ordered to prevent a medical complication – must satisfy any of the following: 1 - 6
 1. Decubitus Ulcer: Where there is a need for off-loading of a decubitus ulcer which cannot be accomplished by other means; or
 2. Osteoporosis: Where improvement or stabilization of bone density cannot be achieved with other treatment or activities; or
 3. Contracture Development: High potential for progressive contracture formation including but not limited to post-operative release of contractures; or
 4. Compromised Bowel/Bladder Function: Where there has been demonstration there is incomplete emptying of bladder or constipation refractory to other medical treatment; or
 5. Pulmonary Complications: Where there has been demonstration of recurrent infections and poor clearance of pulmonary secretions despite the use of other medical treatment; or
 6. Hip Dislocation: Where hip subluxation/dislocation is worsening and alternate treatments have not been successful.
 - B. The member is unable to accomplish the above goals with his/her current medical device/equipment or alternate medical treatment.
 - C. The member has been evaluated in physical therapy with a trial using the standing device and has shown compliance, tolerance and demonstrated potential for clinical benefit, as determined by the evaluator.
 - D. There is a written plan of care.

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III. Gait Trainers (E8000, E8001, E8002) - must satisfy all the following: A - B

- A. The member has the potential for functional or therapeutic ambulation; and
- B. Documentation supports that other walkers or assistive devices have not been effective, eg, using gait trainer as a walker or use of handheld assist device is not feasible)

NOT ROUTINELY COVERED:

Combination sit-to-stand frame/table system with seat lift feature (E0637)

EXCLUSIONS (not limited to):

Refer to member's Certificate of Coverage or Summary Plan Description

DEFINITIONS:

Gait Trainers:

A mobility assistive device that helps an individual with motor disabilities walk unassisted. That individual may be someone who is learning to walk or unable to walk independently. A gait trainer is designed to offer support and postural alignment with more balance and weight-bearing than would a rollator or regular walker.

Standing Systems:

A standing frame, also known as a standing aid or stander, is specifically designed for wheelchair users and allows the individual to achieve a standing position and then support the person in the standing position.

BACKGROUND:

Supported standing devices such as standers or tilt-tables allow the user to attain and maintain a standing or partial standing position and commonly stabilize hips, knees and ankles through posterior heel, anterior knee and posterior hip supports and/or straps.

Gait trainers are supportive walking devices that take the weight of the body through a solid or fabric 'seat', stabilize the trunk, and support the pelvis.

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Prior Authorization: Yes, per network provider agreement

CODING:

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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

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