



MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT

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A. Subject
Safety Beds

B. Background

Healthy sleep requires adequate duration, appropriate timing, good quality, regularity, and the absence of sleep disturbances. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine has issued recommendations for sleep needs by age.

A specialty bed is an enclosed bed, typically fitted with a mesh canopy, padded walls, and/or a specially designed mattress. A provider may require a safety bed for an individual with a variety of physical health problems, such as epilepsy, intracranial injury, or hydrocephalus or for a child with behavioral health problems, such as intellectual deficiencies or autistic spectrum disorders. The use of these beds increases individual safety by eliminating falls, additional injuries, wandering or allowing for repositioning and turning more easily. Ongoing individual evaluation and monitoring is recommended for appropriate use and prescribing.

C. Definitions

- **Crib Canopy** - A cover that attaches to the top of a crib that prevents a toddler from climbing out of the crib or, in some cases, pets from climbing into the crib.
- **Hospital Bed** - A bed used for individuals that can be adjusted to raise the head end, foot end, or middle, as required. The overall bed height is also adjustable.
- **Safety Bed** - A hospital bed to prevent individuals from leaving a bed at night without supervision, preventing injuries, falls, and wandering, and can be called institutional, adaptive, enclosed canopy, or special needs beds.
- **Standard Bed** - A fixed height bed that is typically sold as furniture and consists of a frame, box spring, and mattress.

D. Policy

- I. CareSource considers a hospital safety bed medically necessary when **ANY** of the following criteria is met for a medical or behavioral health condition:
 - A. Special attachments that cannot be fixed and used on a standard bed
 - B. Positioning of the individual's body is required in ways not feasible in an ordinary bed.
 - C. Avoidance of entanglement by reducing gaps and openings, avoiding the likelihood of the individual becoming stuck in the frame or between the mattress and frame, is required.
 - D. Use of equipment is required due to a diagnosis related to cognitive impairment (e.g., traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, seizure disorder).
 - E. Behavioral issues such as aggression, impulsivity, noncompliance and/or elopement behaviors that require prevention of an individual leaving bed at night without supervision to maintain safety and for which door and/or bed alarms will not meet the safety needs of the individual.



E. Conditions of Coverage
NA

F. Related Policies/Rules
Medical Necessity Determinations

G. Review/Revision History

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The MEDICAL Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the MEDICAL Policy Statement Policy and is approved.