



# MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT

## Michigan Medicaid

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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. An individual's bedtime environment is an important consideration, with factors, such as the bed and mattress, affecting the quality and duration of sleep.

A safety bed is an enclosed bed, typically fitted with a mesh canopy, padded walls, and/or a specially designed mattress. A provider may require safety beds for individuals with a variety of medical or behavioral health diagnoses, such as epilepsy, intracranial injury, hydrocephalus, intellectual disabilities, and autistic spectrum disorders. The use of these beds increases patient safety by eliminating falls, preventing injuries, and wandering. In addition, safety beds might assist with treatments for other symptoms, such as aggression, impulsivity, noncompliance, or elopement behaviors. 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 patients 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 bed to prevent individuals from leaving the bed at night without supervision, preventing injuries, falls, and wandering, and can be called institutional, adaptive, enclosed bed system, 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. HAP CareSource considers a safety bed medically necessary when members have a behavioral health or medical diagnosis, in addition to other potential issues or conditions that may lead to safety concerns for which door and/or bed alarms will not meet a member's safety needs and may require a safety bed that prevents the member from leaving the bed at night without supervision.
- II. Usage of the safety bed should include the following criteria:
  - A. There should be face-to-face monitoring while the member is in the safety bed.
  - B. The safety bed should not be used as a restraint.
  - C. The member should be removed from the safety bed when the member requests to leave the safety bed.

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

- III. Documentation submitted to CareSource for review must show that the member meets the above criteria, and
- A. Bed alarms, door alarms, and standard rail padding failed to meet the medical needs of the member.
  - B. The safety bed is for the benefit of the member and not for any caregiver, family member, or provider.

IV. The safety bed must be the lowest cost alternative that addresses the member's health condition.

E. Conditions of Coverage  
N/A

F. Related Policies/Rules  
Medical Necessity Determinations

G. Review/Revision History

DATE		ACTION
<b>Date Issued</b>	04/10/2024	New policy. Approved at Committee.
<b>Date Revised</b>	04/10/2024	Annual review: title changed to Safety Beds, revision of background and definitions, revised section D.I., added section D.II., removed section D.V., and updated references. Approved at Committee.
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<b>Date Archived</b>	01/31/2025	This Policy is no longer active and has been archived. Please note that there could be other Policies that may have some of the same rules incorporated and CareSource reserves the right to follow CMS/State/NCCI guidelines without a formal documented Policy.

H. References

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