



MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Ohio 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 their 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 health problems, such as epilepsy, intracranial injury, or hydrocephalus or for an individual with behavioral health problems, such as intellectual disabilities or autistic spectrum disorders. The use of these beds increases patient safety by eliminating falls, preventing injuries, and wandering. 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 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 safety bed medically necessary when members have behavioral issues, such as aggression, impulsivity, noncompliance, and/or elopement behaviors, for which door and/or bed alarms will not meet their safety needs and may require a safety bed that prevents them from leaving the bed at night without supervision.
- II. Medical documentation 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. That the safety bed is for the benefit of the member and not for any caregiver, family member, or provider.
- III. The safety bed must be the lowest cost alternative that addresses the member's health condition.

IV. For members with specific medical needs, such as special positioning or IV poles, please refer to OAC Rule 5160-10-18 for hospital beds, bed accessories, and pressure-reducing support surfaces.

E. Conditions of Coverage
N/A

F. Related Policies/Rules
Medical Necessity Determinations

G. Review/Revision History

	DATE	ACTION
Date Issued	03/01/2023	New policy. Approved at Committee.
Date Revised	11/08/2023	Annual review. Coverage language refined. Approved at Committee.
	11/30/2023	Coverage language revised to focus on safety beds. Approved at Committee.
Date Effective	03/01/2024	
Date Archived	02/28/2025	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.

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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.