



MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT

TrueCare

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Safety Beds-MS TrueCare-MM-1461	07/01/2025
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MEDICAL	

Medical Policy Statements are derived from literature based on and supported by clinical guidelines, nationally recognized utilization and technology assessment guidelines, other medical management industry standards, and published MCO clinical policy guidelines. Medically necessary services include, but are not limited to, those health care services or supplies that are proper and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of disease, illness, or injury and without which the patient can be expected to suffer prolonged, increased, or new morbidity, impairment of function, dysfunction of a body organ or part, or significant pain and discomfort. These services meet the standards of good medical practice in the local area, are the lowest cost alternative, and are not provided mainly for the convenience of the member or provider. Medically necessary services also include those services defined in any Evidence of Coverage or Certificate of Coverage documents, Medical Policy Statements, Provider Manuals, Member Handbooks, and/or other plan policies and procedures.

Medical Policy Statements do not ensure an authorization or payment of services. Please refer to the plan contract (often referred to as the Evidence of Coverage or Certificate of Coverage) for the service(s) referenced in the Medical Policy Statement. Except as otherwise required by law, if there is a conflict between the Medical Policy Statement and the plan contract, then the plan contract will be the controlling document used to make the determination.

According to the rules of Mental Health Parity Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of a behavioral health disorder will not be subject to any limitations that are less favorable than the limitations that apply to medical conditions as covered under this policy.

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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 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 bed to prevent individuals from leaving a bed at night without supervision, preventing injuries, falls, and wandering, and can be called institutional, adaptive, enclosure bed, enclosed bed system, net bed, 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. TrueCare considers a safety bed medically necessary when **ALL** the following criteria are met:
 - A. Beneficiary has a behavioral health or medical diagnosis that may lead to safety concerns.
 - B. Beneficiary requires a safety bed that prevents the beneficiary from leaving the bed at night without a supervisor.
 - C. There should be regular, periodic face-to-face (in-person) monitoring while the beneficiary is in the safety bed.
 - D. The safety bed is not used as a restraint.
 - E. The safety bed is the lowest cost alternative that addresses the beneficiary's health condition.
 - F. Documentation submitted to TrueCare for review must show that the beneficiary meets the above criteria, and:

1. Bed alarms, door alarms, and standard rail padding failed to meet the safety and medical needs of the beneficiary.
2. The safety bed is for the benefit of the beneficiary and not for any caregiver, family member, or provider.
3. The physician order for the safety bed is included.
4. The person-centered service plan is retained and updated.
5. The invoice for the safety bed is retained and submitted along with the prior authorization and reimbursement requests.

E. Conditions of Coverage

NA

F. Related Policies/Rules

Medical Necessity Determinations

G. Review/Revision History

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