

Criteria Checklist
Alabama Medicaid Agency
Hospital Beds
For Medicaid eligible recipients

HOSPITAL BED CRITERIA *One of the following must be met with supporting documentation:*

- Patient requires positioning of the body, primarily to alleviate pain, in ways not feasible in an ordinary bed.
- Patient requires head of bed elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time due to congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease or problems with aspiration.
- Other methods to elevate patient fail to achieve clinical outcomes.
- Patient requires other medical equipment which can only be attached to the hospital bed.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA *Any of the following for coverage of a **variable height hospital bed**:*

- Patient has severe arthritis or other injuries to the lower extremities such as a fractured hip, and the variable height feature allows patient to ambulate by placing feet on the floor while sitting on the edge of bed.
- Recipient has severe cardiac conditions and recipient can leave bed but must avoid strain of jumping up or down.
- Patient has spinal cord injury, including quadriplegia and paraplegia, multiple limb amputations or stroke and variable height is required in order for patients to be able to transfer from bed to wheelchair with or without assistance.
- Other severely debilitating diseases and conditions if the variable height bed will allow patient to ambulate or transfer.

DIAGNOSIS CODES

Please refer to Chapter 14 of the Provider Manual for the ICD-10 crosswalk codes.

PROCEDURE CODES

E0250, E0255, E0260, E0295, E0303, E0304

All hospital beds are limited to one per lifetime, or as deemed medically necessary due to wear and tear.

**Documentation may include notes from the patient chart and patient medical records.*