

### Cranial Remolding Orthosis

Positional Plagiocephaly encompasses both positional plagiocephaly (unilateral flattening of the parieto-occipital region, compensatory anterior shift of the ipsilateral ear, bulging of the ipsilateral forehead) and positional brachycephaly (symmetric flattening of the occiput, foreshortened anterior-posterior dimension of the skull, compensatory biparietal widening) and the combination of both deformities.

The management of positional skull deformation is nonsurgical.

This guideline does not address craniosynostosis.

#### Coverage and Payment Policy

This service requires prior authorization.

1. Patient must be age 18 months or younger.
2. If patient is age 6 months or younger, request must be preceded by 2 or more months of documented correctional positioning, physical therapy or medical management without improvement.
3. If Torticollis is identified, Torticollis therapy must be documented as part of the treatment plan.
4. A second helmet may be approved after review of documentation for clinical need (examples: worn or degraded helmet materials, need for modified helmet due to lack of response) and beneficiary is age 18 months or less.

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