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 corrective 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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