Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces-Group 1

Group 1 support surfaces are generally designed to either replace a standard hospital or home mattress or as an overlay placed on top of a standard hospital or home mattress. Products in this Category include non-powered pressure reducing mattresses, pressure pads and mattress overlays (foam, air water, or gel). A Group 1 mattress overlay or mattress is covered if one of the following three criteria is met:

1. The beneficiary is completely immobile- i.e., beneficiary cannot make changes in body position without assistance, or

2. The beneficiary has limited mobility- i.e., beneficiary cannot independently make changes in body position significant enough to alleviate pressure and at least one of conditions A-D below, or

3. The beneficiary has any stage pressure ulcer on the trunk or pelvis and at least one of conditions A-D below.

A. Impaired nutritional status

B. Fecal or urinary incontinence

C. Altered sensory perception

D. Compromised circulatory status

Coverage and Payment Policy

This service does not require prior authorization.

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