

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

**To:** Rehabilitation Agencies, Home Health Agencies, Medical Equipment Vendors, Therapy Groups, Physical Therapists, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

## **New Coverage and Prior Authorization Policy for Standing Frames**

### **Coverage Information**

ForwardHealth covers the purchase or rental of standing frames that allow a person to stand unaided. This *ForwardHealth Update* announces additional types of standing frames that are covered and introduces new prior authorization (PA) criteria for standing frames, effective for PA requests received on and after May 1, 2018.

Standing frame purchases and rentals continue to be covered by ForwardHealth with PA; however, effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after May 1, 2018, standing frame rentals no longer require PA for the first 90 days. The life expectancy of the standing frame is changing from one per lifetime to one per five years.

The purchase of a standing frame and/or accessories continues to require PA.

Effective for DOS on and after May 1, 2018, rental of a standing frame for the first 90 days no longer requires PA. An extension of the rental beyond 90 days requires PA. This policy is intended to allow at least **one** of the following:

- School-aged members to continue a standing program established in an individual education program over school breaks in the home or community
- Time to assess and document whether or not the standing frame fits in the environment for which it is being requested, the member is willing to use the

standing frame in the environment for which it is being requested, and caregivers are willing and able to assist with the standing program

### **Procedure Codes**

Effective for DOS on and after May 1, 2018, providers are required to indicate the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code from the following list when submitting claims and PA requests, if applicable, for standing frames and accessories:

- E0637 (Combination sit to stand frame/table system, any size including pediatric, with seat lift feature, with or without wheels)
- E0638 (Standing frame/table system, one position [e.g., upright, supine or prone stander], any size including pediatric, with or without wheels)
- E0641 (Standing frame/table system, multi-position [e.g., three-way stander], any size including pediatric, with or without wheels)
- E1399 (Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous)

*Note:* ForwardHealth recognizes E1399 for the purchase of accessories for standing frames when the accessory is not included in the description of the HCPCS procedure code. HCPCS code E1399 should not be used to request adjusted reimbursement for a standing frame or accessory for which there is a more specific code available. For further instruction, refer to the Unlisted Procedure Codes topic

(topic #643) in the Codes chapter of the Covered and Noncovered Services section of the Online Handbook.

For information regarding the modifiers associated with these codes, refer to the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Index on the Resources for Individual Medical Supply Providers page of the Providers area of the ForwardHealth Portal.

### **PA Approval Criteria**

PA requests for rental or purchase of a single-position standing frame using HCPCS code E0638 may be approved if **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The standing frame is an integral part of a rehabilitative or maintenance therapy program with specific and measurable outcomes unique to the member to address at least **one** of the following areas:
  - ✓ Maintain or improve bladder function
  - ✓ Maintain or promote bone/joint health
  - ✓ Maintain or improve bowel function
  - ✓ Maintain or improve digestive process
  - ✓ Maintain or promote cardiac function
  - ✓ Management of contractures and range of motion in the lower extremities
  - ✓ Management of pain associated with spasticity or tone
  - ✓ Reduced respiratory function secondary to inability to independently achieve an upright posture
- The standing frame fits in the environment for which it is being requested.
- The member is willing to use the standing frame in the environment for which it is being requested.
- Caregivers are willing and able to assist with the standing program.

PA requests for rental or purchase of a combination standing frame using HCPCS code E0637 may be approved if the above criteria and one of the following criteria are met:

- Variable sit-to-stand positions are necessary to support the member in a more upright standing position because the member's knee and/or hip range of motion prevents the use of a prone, supine, or upright standing frame (E0638).

- The member requires assistance of one person or more for standing pivot transfers with or without an assistive device.

PA requests for rental or purchase of a multi-position standing frame using HCPCS code E0641 may be approved if the above criteria for E0637 and E0638 are met, and clinical documentation that standing frames represented by E0637 and/or E0638 cannot meet the medical needs of the member.

### **PA Submission**

Providers are required to submit the following to ForwardHealth when requesting PA for standing frame rental or purchase and accessories purchase:

- A completed Prior Authorization Request Form (PA/RF), F-11018 (05/13)
- A completed Prior Authorization/Durable Medical Equipment Attachment (PA/DMEA), F-11030 (07/12)
- Documentation supporting the approval criteria indicated in this *Update*
- A written prescription
- Detailed medical justification for each line item requested
- Manufacturer standing frame product information (including the make, model, and size of the item, any additionally required prompts or accessories to be dispensed, and height and/or weight user limits)
- Documentation of the member's participation in therapy services, including the current plan of care and an assessment of the member's range of motion, strength, muscle tone, sensation, coordination, gait, balance, cognitive status, functional status, and activities of daily living status
- Documentation of the proposed standing frame utilization plan including:
  - ✓ Methods of utilization
  - ✓ Frequency/duration of utilization
  - ✓ Therapy goals attempting to address
- A description of any special adaptive equipment or items owned or used by the member in any environment, including specialized seating/positioning equipment, standing frames, and/or mobility aids

- Documentation of Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP)
- If the member has an existing standing frame, documentation of the following:
  - ✓ Make, model, and size of equipment
  - ✓ Date the equipment was dispensed
  - ✓ Reason that existing equipment no longer meets the member’s medical need

## Repair

There are no changes to ForwardHealth policy on repairs for standing frames at this time. For more information, refer to the General Policy (topic #1763) and Labor Costs for Repairs (topic #1764) topics in the Repair of Durable Medical Equipment chapter of the Covered and Noncovered Services section of the Durable Medical Equipment service area of the Online Handbook.

## Reimbursement

Effective for DOS on and after May 1, 2018, the purchase of standing frames and/or accessories will not have a max fee; instead, reimbursement will be priced when the PA is being adjudicated. Providers are required to submit the product’s MSRP along with PA documentation. Rental of all standing frames will have a maximum allowable fee. Providers may refer to the interactive maximum allowable fee schedule on the Portal for maximum allowable fee information.

Providers are reminded that delivery or set-up charges for equipment are included in the reimbursement of the purchase or rental of a standing frame and/or accessories and cannot be billed separately per Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 107.24(5)(h).

## Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO). MCOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health, DHS.

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