

## ALTERNATING PRESSURE PAD AND PUMP COVERAGE CRITERIA

<u>Coverage of a hospital bed should be reasonable and necessary.</u> Documentation to support that should include a standard written order and face-to-face notes.

**STANDARD WRITTEN ORDER:** A valid order must be obtained prior to delivery.

**FACE-TO-FACE NOTES:** The patient must have a face-to-face clinical evaluation by the treating provider within 6 months prior to the date of the order. The physician must document the medical necessity of the equipment. The patient must qualify for a hospital bed that is being ordered in conjunction with the overlay, or already have a hospital bed at home.

Alternating Pressure Pad and Pumps are covered if one or the following three criteria are met:

- 1. Patient is completely immobile, or
- 2. Patient has limited mobility and at least one of the following conditions:
  - a. Impaired nutritional status
  - b. Fecal or urinary incontinence
  - c. Altered sensory perception
  - d. Compromised circulatory status
- 3. Patient has any stage pressure ulcer on the trunk or pelvis and at least one of the following conditions:
  - a. Impaired nutritional status
  - b. Fecal or urinary incontinence
  - c. Altered sensory perception
  - d. Compromised circulatory status
- 4. Patient should have a care plan which has been established by the patient's physician or home care nurse which is documented in patient records.

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