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Free Form Custom Back, US Funding

Medicare Code: E2617

Custom Fabricated Wheelchair Back Cushion, Any Size, Including Any Type Mounting Hardware

Medicare Coverage Criteria:

A custom fabricated back cushion (E2617) is covered if the two criteria below are met:

1. Beneficiary meets all of the criteria for a prefabricated positioning back cushion (see below):
 - The beneficiary has a manual wheelchair or a power wheelchair with a sling/solid seat/back and the beneficiary meets Medicare coverage criteria for it; AND
 - The beneficiary has any significant postural asymmetries that are due to one of the diagnoses listed in the ICD-10 Reference guide for the Custom Back. AND
2. There is a comprehensive written evaluation by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as a physical or occupational therapist, which clearly explains why a pre-fabricated seating system is not sufficient to meet the client's seating & positioning needs. The PT/OT may have no financial relationship to the supplier.

The only products, which may be billed using code E2617, are those products for which the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor has made a written coding verification. A Product Classification List with products which have received a coding verification can be found on the PDAC website (www.dmepdac.com).

Examples of an appropriate user of the Free Form Custom Back:

- Has orthopedic issues such as kyphosis/ scoliosis/ lordosis that are not flexible and who cannot be guided into a neutral trunk posture, therefore must be accommodated and supported
- Includes those who have the above orthopedic issues, and have severe tone/movement disorders, like dystonia, or the presence of severe abnormal hypo- or hypertonia.

Helpful Tips:

- Be sure the clinical documentation clearly describes why off-the-shelf positioning backs do not meet the client's need. This may include specific body measurements, contractures, rotation, etc. Documented trial and failure of lower level equipment is beneficial.
- Be sure to include the Manufacturer name and model name/number, and the MSRP. All parts and pieces tied to the custom back should be grouped into this one line when billing Medicare.

2018 Medicare Fee Schedule:

There is no set Medicare Fee Schedule for this HCPCS Code. This item is individually priced.