

**PRESSURE REDUCING SUPPORT SURFACES - GROUP 2**

<b>Covers</b>	
<b>Original Determination Effective Date</b>	For services performed on or after 10/01/1993
<b>Original Determination Ending Date</b>	
<b>Revision Effective Date</b>	For services performed on or after 10/01/2005
<b>Revision Ending Date</b>	
<b>Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity</b>	<p>For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. For the items addressed in this medical policy, the criteria for "reasonable and necessary" are defined by the following indications and limitations of coverage and/or medical necessity.</p> <p>A group 2 support surface is covered if the patient meets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Criterion 1 and 2 and 3, or</li> <li>b) Criterion 4, or</li> <li>c) Criterion 5 and 6.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Multiple stage II pressure ulcers located on the trunk or pelvis (ICD-9 707.02 -707.05).</li> <li>2) Patient has been on a comprehensive ulcer treatment program for at least the past month which has included the use of an appropriate group 1 support surface.</li> <li>3) The ulcers have worsened or remained the same over the past month.</li> <li>4) Large or multiple stage III or IV pressure ulcer(s) on the trunk or pelvis (ICD-9 707.02 -707.05).</li> <li>5) Recent myocutaneous flap or skin graft for a pressure ulcer on the trunk or pelvis (surgery within the past 60 days) (ICD-9 707.02 -707.05).</li> <li>6) The patient has been on a group 2 or 3 support surface immediately prior to a recent discharge from a hospital or nursing facility (discharge within the past 30 days).</li> </ul> <p>The comprehensive ulcer treatment described in #2 above should generally include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Education of the patient and caregiver on the prevention and/or management of pressure ulcers.</li> <li>ii) Regular assessment by a nurse, physician, or other licensed healthcare practitioner (usually at least weekly for a patient with a stage III or IV ulcer).</li> <li>iii) Appropriate turning and positioning.</li> </ul>