

# Standing Frame

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## Policy statement

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A standing frame (also known as a stander, standing aid, standing device) is assistive technology that can be used by a member who relies on a wheelchair for mobility. A standing frame provides alternative positioning to sitting in a wheelchair by supporting the member in the standing position.

### Specific Criteria

The criteria to be considered for a standing frame include, but are not limited to, the following.

The member must:

- Be at a high risk for lower extremity contractures that cannot be improved with other interventions (stretching, medications, serial casting, splinting, and modalities);
- Be able to tolerate a standing or upright position on the foot and ankle;
- Be non-ambulatory or is unable to stand due to conditions such as, but not limited to, neuromuscular or congenital disorders, including acquired skeletal abnormalities;
- Have tried more cost effective alternatives and still requires a stander;
- Not have a walker or gait trainer and it is not anticipated they will require one;

- Have demonstrated improved mobility, function and physiologic symptoms or has maintained status with the use of the requested stander and is able to follow a home standing program with the use of the requested stander; and
- Use the equipment for personal use only. The equipment will not be used at school.

## **Exclusion Criteria**

Non-coverage of the standing frame includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Member has complete paralysis of the lower extremities;
- There is no expected improvement in mobility or maintenance of function;
- Anticipated functional benefits of standing can be achieved through less-costly alternatives;
- Mobile (dynamic) stander – either self-propelled standers or standers with powered mobility;
- Active stander – allows movement of the arms and legs in a standing position;
- In members with syncope, orthostatic hypotension, postural tachycardia syndrome, osteogenesis imperfecta, osteoporosis, and other brittle bone diseases, and hip subluxation;
- Member with hip and knee flexion contractures of more than 20 degrees; and
- Member who has a gait trainer or ambulatory device.

## **Documentation Requirements**

The following documentation must be submitted to support the medical necessity for this equipment:

- Prior Authorization (PA-01 form);
- Physician prescription;
- State of Louisiana Medicaid Standing Frame Evaluation (BHSF-SF-Form 1) completed by a Louisiana State License Physician and Physical or Occupational Therapist in its entirety; and
- Original Manufacture price.

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## **References**

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Louisiana Department of Health. 2010. Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual. Standing Frame. Chapter 18, Section 18.2.19.4. Replaced April 14, 2023. Issued xx/xx/24.

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## **Policy updates**

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