



NHS MEDICAL POLICY

Hospital Bed DME 2015-001

A hospital bed may be indicated when any **ONE** of the following is present:

1	The provider documented a condition that requires positioning of the body (e.g., to alleviate pain, promote good body alignment, prevent contractures, or avoid respiratory infections) in ways not feasible in an ordinary bed.
2	The provider documented a condition that requires special attachments (e.g., traction equipment) that cannot be fixed and used on an ordinary bed.
3	The provider documented a condition that requires the head of the bed to be elevated more than 30 degrees most of the time in ways not feasible in an ordinary bed. (Some examples are congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, or problems with aspiration.)
4	The provider documented a condition that requires positioning of the bed to assist with bed mobility and transfers in ways not feasible in an ordinary bed.

SOURCES

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CODE REFERENCE (This may not be a comprehensive list of codes to apply to this policy.)

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