

Patient lifts

Plan: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana

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Policy contains: Patient lifts; lift slings.

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Policy statement

Patient lifts are approved only if all of the following conditions are met:

- If the member is confined to bed, chair or room and is unable to transfer or unable to achieve needed movement with or without assistance;
- If the caregiver is unable without the use of a lift to provide periodic movement necessary to arrest or retard deterioration in the member's condition, thus affecting improvement in rehabilitation; and
- When the caregiver is unable to transfer member from chair to bed or bath (or vice versa) e.g., because of beneficiary's size or weight.

NOTE: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana covers hydraulic lifts. AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana does not cover electric lifts.

Lift Slings

Lift slings or seats, either canvas or nylon, are considered part of the lift and are only covered as replacement items.

References

Louisiana Department of Health. 2010. Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual. Patient Lifts. Chapter 18, Section 18.2.23.2. Issued 03/08/24.

Policy updates

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3/2023: Policy references updated.

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