

Division of Developmental Disabilities  
Durable Medical Equipment Prior Authorization Criteria

**Subject: Car Seats**

**Unit: Health Care Services**

## **Car Seats**

**PURPOSE:** To explain the procedure for the purchase of car seats, and to ensure the authorization of medically necessary and cost-effective purchases in a standard or expedited, and well-coordinated manner.

**POLICY:** Car seats must be prescribed by the PCP (Primary Care Provider), therapist, or other provider upon referral by the PCP.

**PROCEDURE:** Car Seat Purchase

- A. Requires documentation from the PCP or therapist establishing the need for the equipment, the risk to the member without the equipment, and include a comprehensive explanation of how the member will benefit from the equipment.
- B. Requires documentation from the PCP or therapist establishing the need for the equipment for transport due to the physical condition of the member which may include:
  - 1. Head and trunk control
  - 2. Airway obstruction potential
  - 3. Presence of scoliosis
  - 4. Presence of seizure activity
- C. Must show that commercially available car seats not able to meet member needs.