

Home Traction Therapy (for North Carolina Only)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Pain and Muscle Rehabilitation (for North Carolina Only) • Mechanical Stretching Devices • Motorized Spinal Traction |

Application

This Medical Policy only applies to the state of North Carolina.

Coverage Rationale

For clinical coverage criteria, refer to the [North Carolina Medicaid \(Division of Health Benefits\) Clinical Coverage Policy, Medical Equipment: 5A-1, Physical Rehabilitation Equipment and Supplies](#).

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

HCPCS Code	Description
*E0830	Ambulatory traction device, all types, each
E0840	Traction frame, attached to headboard, cervical traction
*E0849	Traction equipment, cervical, free-standing stand/frame, pneumatic, applying traction force to other than mandible
*E0850	Traction stand, freestanding, cervical traction
*E0855	Cervical traction equipment not requiring additional stand or frame
*E0856	Cervical traction device, with inflatable air bladder(s)
E0860	Traction equipment, overdoor, cervical
*E0941	Gravity assisted traction device, any type

Codes labeled with an asterisk (*) are not on the State of North Carolina Medicaid Fee Schedule and therefore may not be covered by the State of North Carolina Medicaid Program.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

This section is to be used for informational purposes only. FDA approval alone is not a basis for coverage.

Non-powered orthopedic traction devices are classified by the FDA as Class I devices. There are numerous FDA-registered traction devices including foam or rigid collars, and over-the-door pulley, pneumatic, or mechanical systems. The devices are exempt from the premarket notification procedures. Additional information is available at: <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfPCD/classification.cfm>. (Accessed February 3, 2025)

References

North Carolina Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits, Clinical Coverage Policies, Physical Rehabilitation Equipment and Supplies, No:5A-1. Available at: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/5a-1-physical-rehabilitation-equipment-and-supplies/download?attachment>. Accessed February 3, 2025.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
04/01/2025	Supporting Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="337 579 613 611">• Added FDA section<li data-bbox="337 613 959 644">• Archived previous policy version CSNCT0545.05

Instructions for Use

This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, please check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

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