



# MEDICARE COVERAGE GUIDELINES GROUP 1 MATTRESSES

Medicare will cover a **Group 1 Mattress** for patients who meet the conditions of 1, 2, **or** 3.

**Chart notes must be provided that provide medical necessity based on Medicare criteria:**

1. The patient is **completely immobile** (cannot make changes in body positions without assistance),
2. The patient has **limited mobility** (cannot independently make changes in body position significant enough to alleviate pressure **AND** meet one of the following conditions:
  - a. Impaired nutritional status
  - b. Fecal or urinary incontinence
  - c. Altered sensory perception
  - d. Compromised circulatory status
3. The beneficiary has any stage **pressure ulcer** on the trunk or pelvis **AND** meet one of the following conditions:
  - a. Impaired nutritional status
  - b. Fecal or urinary incontinence
  - c. Altered sensory perception
  - d. Compromised circulatory status

# MEDICARE COVERAGE GUIDELINES GROUP 2 MATTRESSES

Medicare will cover a **Group 2 Mattress** for patients who meet the conditions of 1, 2, **or** 3.

**Chart Notes must be provided that provide medical necessity based on Medicare criteria:**

1. The patient has **multiple stage II pressure ulcers** on the trunk or pelvis\* which have failed to improve over the past month while the patient was on an ulcer treatment program including:
  - a. Use of a Group 1 mattress, AND
  - b. Regular assessment by nurse or doctor, AND
  - c. Appropriate turning and positioning, AND
  - d. Appropriate wound care, AND
  - e. Appropriate management of incontinence/moisture, AND
  - f. Nutritional assessment and intervention consistent with the overall plan of care
2. The patient has **large or multiple stage III or IV pressure ulcers** on the trunk or pelvis\*
3. The patient has had a **myocutaneous flap or skin graft** for a pressure ulcer on the trunk or pelvis within the past 60 days and has been on a group 2 or 3 support surface immediately prior to discharge from a hospital or nursing facility within the past 30 days



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