



Medical Policy Reference Manual Medical Policy Operating Procedure

1.02.019A ARCHIVED Helmets

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Description

A helmet is a protective head covering made of both soft and hard material worn to resist impact. These helmets can be both prefabricated and custom fabricated. Examples of helmets would include motorcycle helmets, football helmets, bicycle helmets, etc.

NOTE: This policy does not address cranial orthotic molding devices, see *Cranial Orthotic Molding Devices, Policy 1.03.002*.

Policy

There is no policy statement for this Operating Procedure.

Policy Guidelines

There are no Policy Guidelines for this Operating Procedure.

Benefit Applications

Check the member contract for specific benefits.

Most contracts *exclude* benefits for items considered to be for comfort or convenience, for environmental control, furniture items, exercise equipment or institutional equipment, as they are not considered to be medical and surgical supplies.

Benefits **are not provided** for over-the-counter items or supplies, as determined by CareFirst, which are available for purchase without a prescription, unless otherwise a covered service. A prescription from the provider does not guarantee coverage by CareFirst.

Benefits **are not provided** for helmets as they are considered over the counter and therefore are not a covered benefit.

Provider Guidelines

Helmets should be reported using HCPCS codes A8000, A8001, A8002, A8003, A8004.

Cross References to Related Policies and Procedures

1.01.001	Durable Medical Equipment with Attached Table, Policy
1.03.002	Cranial Orthotic Molding Devices, Policy
1.02.024A	Over-the-Counter Miscellaneous Supplies and Equipment, Procedure

References

There are no References for this Medical Policy Operating Procedure.

This policy statement relates only to the services or supplies described herein. Coverage will vary from contract to contract and by line of business and should be verified before applying the terms of the policy.