

Coverage Criteria for Electric Hospital Beds

To be eligible for reimbursement by the patient's insurance, the following requirements must be met and clearly documented in the **Office Visit Notes**:

1. The patient needs an adjustable bed; fixed-height beds do not allow safe transfers to a chair, wheelchair, or standing.
2. The patient requires frequent or immediate position changes.
3. Additionally, at least one of the following must be met:
 - a. A medical condition requires body positioning not possible in a regular bed.
 - b. Positioning is needed to relieve pain and can't be done with a standard bed.
 - c. The head of the bed must stay elevated over 30 degrees most of the time due to heart failure, chronic lung disease, or aspiration risk.
 - d. Traction equipment is needed that only fits a hospital bed.

Note: Patients over 350 lbs. will receive a Heavy-Duty Electric Hospital bed; those over 600 lbs. will receive an Extra Heavy-Duty model.

Additional Criteria for Full Electric Hospital Beds (not covered by Medicare)

1. Sufficient evidence is required to show that a semi-electric hospital bed does not meet the patient's needs.
 - Note: Full electric beds raise and lower the entire bed frame via controller, while semi-electric beds use a manual hand crank.

