## Can Positional Therapy Pillows LLC products be covered by my Special Disability or Medicaid coverage?

## Two basic requirements are necessary:

- 1) A Letter of Medical Necessity; and
- 2) A prescription from a doctor specifying the specific bed model.

## About Letters of Necessity:

In a letter of medical necessity, it must be clear that a Positional Therapy Pillow product addresses special needs that our product specifically provides. The key is to emphasize the clinical needs of the patient. It must be pointed (describe what has already been tried and how it has not worked) out how his or her needs are not being met by his or her current treatment and pillow/mattress. Once the shortcomings of the current bed or therapies have been detailed, a Positional Therapy Pillow/mattress product can be prescribed in answer to the particular needs.

## A Basic Outline for a Letter of Necessity

- 1. Introduce the patient and how long she or he has been in the care of the doctor or facility. Describe his or her condition and detail the special needs that are a consequence of the condition (i.e. lack of sleep; inability to maintain semi-upright position on wedge pillow or inclined bed; the need to be in a semi-upright position to avoid choking, sore throat, tooth decay; a child's lack of control in using a wedge pillow designed for an adult etc.).
- 2. Recommend the Positional Therapy Pillow/mattress product that addresses each of the concernswith specific requirements such as lumbar support, recessed shoulder rests to increase breathing capacity, the ability to side sleep. And or the inability of a child to roll over the side-wedges while sleeping, the use of counter wedges needed to sustain child in elevated position preventing child from rolling down mattress.
- 3. The imperative that the specific needs be addressed, and prescribe the appropriate model with the Doctors signature of prescription of pillow/mattress model with brand name.

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