A. Documentation Required:
To facilitate the authorization process for a standing frame (stander), referral requests must include ALL the following:
1. Documentation of the diagnosis and functional impairments that require use of a standing frame/stander.
2. Documentation that care is being managed by a neurologist or rehab-related specialist.
3. Physician order indicating the need for daily home use of the standing frame required for long term use ≥ 12 months.

B. Medical Necessity Criteria for Standing Frames/Standers:
A non-powered, single position standing frame (stander) is considered medically necessary when ALL the following criteria are met:
1. Patient is ≤ 18 years of age; AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of spastic quadriplegia or other neuromuscular conditions (e.g., cerebral palsy, spina bifida, congenital anomalies, developmental delay, brain injury, muscular dystrophy) that impairs their ability to stand; AND
3. Standing frame (stander) must be ordered by a neurologist or rehab-related specialist for long term (≥ 12 months) daily home use; AND
4. Patient must be involved in an active physical therapy (PT) program with specific goals for standing frame (stander) use; AND
5. Patient must have a trained caregiver able to safely assist the patient with use of the standing frame (stander).

Conditions considered Experimental, Investigational or Not Medically Necessary (not an all-inclusive list):
1. Patients 19 years and older;
2. Motorized, hydraulic, electric, or active standers;
3. Multi-position standers;
4. Mobile (dynamic stander) standers;
5. Wheelchair accessory, power standing system of any type;
7. Standers for the prevention or treatment of contractures or arthritis;
8. Patients with complete paralysis of the hips and legs, such that lower body strength is not improved by maintaining the standing position.
9. Patients who are unable to maintain a standing position.
10. Standers for treatment of conditions other than those listed in the policy above.
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