

Plagiocephaly and Craniosynostosis Treatment (for Louisiana Only)

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Application

This Medical Policy only applies to the state of Louisiana.

Coverage Rationale

Cranial orthotic devices are proven and medically necessary for treating infants following craniosynostosis surgery or for nonsynostotic (nonfusion) deformational or positional plagiocephaly. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the InterQual® CP: Durable Medical Equipment, Orthoses, Cranial Remodeling.

Click [here](#) to view the InterQual® criteria.

For surgical treatment to repair craniosynostosis (CPT code 21175), refer to the Medical Policy titled [Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures \(for Louisiana Only\)](#).

For repair or replacement of cranial orthoses, refer to the Medical Policy titled [Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Medical Supplies, and Repairs/Replacements \(for Louisiana Only\)](#).

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

CDT Code	Description
*D5924	Cranial prosthesis

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HCPCS Code	Description
*L0112	Cranial cervical orthosis, congenital torticollis type, with or without soft interface material, adjustable range of motion joint, custom fabricated
L0113	Cranial cervical orthotic, torticollis type, with or without joint, with or without soft interface material, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment
S1040	Cranial remolding orthotic, pediatric, rigid, with soft interface material, custom fabricated, includes fitting and adjustment(s)

Codes labeled with an asterisk (*) are not on the State of Louisiana Medicaid Fee Schedule and therefore may not be covered by the State of Louisiana Medicaid Program.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

This section is to be used for informational purposes only. FDA approval alone is not a basis for coverage.

Cranial orthoses are classified by the FDA as Class II devices. This classification requires special controls, including prescription use, biocompatibility testing, and labeling (contraindications, warnings, precautions, adverse events, and instructions for physicians and parents). They are intended for medical purposes to apply pressure to prominent regions of an infant's cranium in order to improve cranial symmetry and/or shape in infants from 3 to 18 months of age, with moderate to severe nonsynostotic positional plagiocephaly, including infants with plagiocephalic, brachycephalic, and scaphocephalic-shaped heads. The FDA has approved a large number of cranial orthoses. Additional information, under product code MVA, is available at: <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfPMN/pmnm.cfm>. (Accessed July 26, 2023)

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
03/01/2024	<p>Applicable Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised description for HCPCS code S1040 Removed notation indicating HCPCS code S1040 is not on the State of Louisiana Medicaid Fee Schedule and therefore may not be covered by the State of Louisiana Medicaid Program <p>Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archived previous policy version CS095LA.H

Instructions for Use

This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, please check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual criteria, to assist us in administering health benefits. The UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.