

Suggested CRT Definitions

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1. Tom Hill, Colorado Hospital Association

I like the [Washington] definition but think it would be even better if some of the language from the current Colorado definition [Please see yellow highlighted language below] were added to it.

Definition:

Complex Rehabilitation Technology means ~~wheelchairs and seating systems~~ **wheelchair systems, power wheelchair systems, adaptive seating systems, alternative positioning systems and other mobility devices** classified as durable medical equipment that:

- (i) Are individually configured for individuals to meet their specific and unique medical, physical, and functional needs and capacities for basic activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living identified as medically necessary to prevent hospitalization or institutionalization of a complex needs patient;
- (ii) Are primarily used to serve a medical purpose and generally not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury; and
- (iii) Require certain services to allow for appropriate design, configuration, and use of such item, including patient evaluation and equipment fitting and configuration, **adjustment or programming.**

2. Colleen Wolstenholm, Aspen Seating, LLC

The Washington State definition seems to be more limiting [than the Colorado definition] both in technology and accessibility depending on the interpretation of their points.

The following concerns regarding the WA State definition are just a couple of examples:

- (i) Regarding the prevention of hospitalization or institutionalization of a complex needs patient. There are other benefits to CRT beyond basic and instrumental activities of daily living that allow patients better control of their health and prevent further progression of deterioration and those associated costs, such as positioning, safe distribution of pressure, etc. Hopefully people with disabilities should not have to be on the verge of hospitalization or institutionalization to qualify for CRT.
- (ii) Many people with disabilities requiring & benefiting from CRT are not typically considered ill or injured but rather may have a congenital disorder. Would individuals with a diagnosis of spina bifida, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, or cerebral palsy, etc. still qualify for CRT using the WA State definition because it would serve a “medical purpose”?

Also, is there a potential for claims process confusion if Medicaid is a secondary insurance using a Washington state type of definition for CRT, and the primary insurance follows a more nationally recognized definition for CRT?

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3. Jose Torres, Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition

I agree with bit and pieces of both, but I see several limitation factors with the Washington Definition:

I prefer to avoid the utilization of "patient" unless absolutely necessary

Point (ii) is redundant, and seems to be targeted exclusively to 'prevent' fraud.

Point (iii) is already covered by the definition's first paragraph.

I came up with this definition:

Complex Rehabilitation Technology means medically necessary durable medical equipment and items that are individually configured for individuals to meet their specific and unique medical, physical, and functional needs and capacities for basic activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living identified to prevent hospitalization or institutionalization of a complex needs individual. Such equipment and items include, but are not limited to, individually configured power wheelchairs and accessories, individually configured manual wheelchairs and accessories, adaptive seating and positioning systems and accessories, and other specialized equipment such as standing frames and gait trainers. CRT typically refers to individually configured manual wheelchair systems, power wheelchair systems, adaptive seating systems, alternative positioning systems and other mobility devices.

4. Vickie Agler, Aponte-Busam Public Affairs

CAMES would like to suggest to combine the Washington state definition that the Dept. desires with small additions from the previously agreed upon definition currently in the Benefits Collaborative.

_____ added at request of client community.

_____ same as in agreed to in Individually Configured definition

_____ words not highlighted are from the Washington state law.

Definition:

Complex Rehabilitation Technology means INDIVIDUALLY CONFIGURED wheelchair SYSTEMS, POWER WHEELCHAIR SYSTEMS, ADAPTIVE seating systems, ALTERNATIVE POSITIONING SYSTEMS, STANDING FRAMES, GAIT TRAINERS AND SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES classified as durable medical equipment that:

(i) Are individually configured for individuals to meet their specific and unique medical, physical, and functional needs and capacities for basic activities of daily living and instrumental activities

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of daily living identified, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT, as medically necessary to PROMOTE MOBILITY IN THE HOME AND COMMUNITY AND OR prevent hospitalization or institutionalization of a complex needs CLIENT;

(ii) Are primarily used to serve a medical purpose and generally not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury; and

(iii) Require certain services PROVIDED BY A QUALIFIED COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER to allow for appropriate design, configuration, and use of such item, including patient evaluation OR ASSESSMENT OF THE COMPLEX NEEDS CLIENT BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AND CONSISTANT WITH THE CLIENT'S MEDICAL CONDITION, PHYSICAL AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS AND CAPACITIES, BODY SIZE, PERIOD OF NEED AND INTENDED USE.