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Mechanical Stretching Devices for the Treatment of Joint Contractures of the Extremities

MP9659

Covered Service: No

Prior Authorization Required: No

Additional Information: None

Medica Medical Policy:

- 1.0 Low-Load Prolonged-Duration Stretch (LLPS) devices (also known as dynamic splinting systems) are considered experimental and investigational and therefore not covered for all indications. Examples of LLPS devices include:
 - 1.1 Dynasplint® System (Dynasplint® Systems Inc.)
 - 1.2 JAS® Dynamic (Joint Active Systems)
 - 1.3 UltraFlex (Ultraflex Systems Inc.)
 - 1.4 Pro-Glide™ devices (DeRoyal Industries)
 - 1.5 SaeboFlex® (Saebo)
 - 1.6 SaeboReach®
 - 1.7 Stat-A-Dyne™
 - 1.8 Advance® Dynamic ROM, Saunders, and Pronex (Empi Inc., acquired by JAS).
- 2.0 Static Progressive Stretch (SPS) devices are considered experimental and investigational and therefore not covered for all indications. Examples of this type of device include:
 - 2.1 Joint Active Systems (JAS) splints and Air Cast® products:
 - 2.1.1 JAS® EZ (ankle, elbow, finger, knee extension, knee flexion, pronation/supination [pro/sup], shoulder, thumb, wrist)
 - 2.1.2 JAS® SPS (ankle, elbow, knee, pronation/supination [pro/sup], shoulder, wrist)
 - 2.2 Stat-A-Dyne™
 - 2.3 Static-Pro™ (elbow, knee, wrist)
- 3.0 Patient-actuated serial stretch (PASS) devices are considered experimental and investigational, and therefore not covered for all indications. Examples of PASS devices include:



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3.1 ERMI (ERMI, Inc.) line of PASS devices

3.1.1 ERMI Knee Extensionater®

3.1.2 ERMI Elbow Extensionater®

3.1.3 ERMI Knee/Ankle Flexionater®

3.1.4 ERMI Shoulder Flexionater®

3.2 Elite Seat®

4.0 Continuous Passive Motion (CPM) devices are considered not medically necessary.

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