

Beds and Mattresses Funding Criteria

These criteria have been developed in consultation with expert clinicians and are designed to specify the EnableNSW funding criteria for this group of assistive technology, including the items provided; eligible prescribers; and provide a basis for consistent and transparent decision making.



ADJUSTABLE BEDS & ACCESSORIES, PRESSURE MATTRESSES & OVERLAYS

EnableNSW funds adjustable beds, accessories and mattresses. EnableNSW reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the provision of equipment that is not specifically included or excluded below. Eligible prescribers are not required to register with or be approved by EnableNSW. Prescribers registered through AHPRA may request equipment for eligible residents of NSW, regardless of the location of the clinical service.

- EnableNSW is required to purchase products from the NSW Government Beds and Mattresses Contract. Contract products are also held in stock and available through the Equipment Allocation Program (EAP).

Request Process

- First consider stock items through the EAP and submit request using the Stock Equipment Request form (SERF).
- When outside the EAP delivery area or when requesting a contract item, submit an Equipment Request Form (ERF) with supplier product codes available on the Quick Reference Guide (QRG).
- Non-contract products will only be purchased when items available through the EAP or NSW Government contract do not meet a person's clinical need. A quote is required for non-contract items.

ALLOCATION	1 adjustable bed with/without accessories 1 pressure relieving mattress/surface for use on an adjustable bed	
Included equipment	Funding Criteria	Eligible Prescribers
ADJUSTABLE BEDS and ACCESSORIES		
Available on NSW Government Contract, including those available in Equipment Allocation Program (EAP).		
Single beds	<p>Meets one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable bed height is required to assist independent transfers or reduce risk to carers (i.e. during care tasks or transfers). • Profiling bed is required to facilitate optimal positioning or perform Activities of Daily Living (ADL). • Diagnosis requires specific positioning or pressure care in bed. 	<p>Registered occupational therapist, registered nurse*, registered physiotherapist*.</p> <p>➤ Tips List mattresses and additional bed accessories separately on ERF.</p> <p>Check if a foam bolster is provided with bed extension or request separately.</p>
King single bed	<p>As above, plus one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person's size or postural configuration requires a wider bed. • Person's repositioning technique or transfers, requires a wider bed. 	
Standard bed accessories (i.e. side rails, clamp on transfer rail, rail covers/bumpers, over bed self-help pole, bed extension).	Provided on request.	

* Registered nurses and physiotherapists may request items in this category when an occupational therapist is unavailable (e.g. rural location). Please discuss with an Advisor at EnableNSW before submitting a request.

NON-STANDARD BED ACCESSORIES

Not available on the NSW Government Contract or Equipment Allocation Program (EAP).

<p>Alternate controls for bed See funding criteria for environmental control units.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person is unable to use standard bed controls and can use alternate controls independently. 	<p>Eligible Prescribers: Registered occupational therapist with > 1 year experience and 3 previous prescriptions of this category of equipment.</p> <p>➤ Tips</p> <p>Quote required from supplier.</p>
<p>Second handset to control bed functions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential for the person to complete independent transfers from either side of the bed. 	
<p>Floor standing self-help pole</p>	<p>Meets all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compatible with bed. Person can reposition in bed with a self-help pole. 	
<p>Customised bed side rails</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated that standard bed rails are not suitable. 	
<p>Battery back-up</p>	<p>Meets all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person resides in a property not connected to the public electricity network (i.e. off-grid system). Documented frequency and duration of power outages. 	
<p>Over bed table</p>	<p>Meets all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person is in bed for extended periods (>12hours) due to their disability or care arrangements which result in ADLs being performed in bed. Person is unable to reach/pick up items from a bedside table or equivalent. 	

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NON-STANDARD ADJUSTABLE BEDS

<p>Extra low bed</p>	<p>Meets one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented safety issues that cannot be resolved through other measures. • Low height essential for independent transfers and variable height required for provision of care. 	<p>Eligible Prescribers: Registered occupational therapist with > 1 year experience and 3 previous prescriptions of this category of equipment.</p> <p>➤ Tips</p>
<p>Non-contract bed</p>	<p>Contract beds are not suitable.</p> <p>PLUS meets one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Safe Work Load (SWL) required. • Person's body size or postural configuration requires non-standard bed dimensions. • Demonstrated functional outcomes (e.g. increased circulation space essential for access or mobility/transfers; facilitates independent performance of ADLs). 	<p>Check beds available through EAP. Quote required from supplier for non-contract items.</p>

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FOAM MATTRESSES AND CUSTOM FOAM FOR BEDS

<p>Pressure redistributing foam mattresses Available on the NSW Government Contract, including those available in EAP</p>	<p>Provided on request with an adjustable bed.</p>	<p>Eligible Prescribers: Registered occupational therapist, registered nurse*, registered physiotherapist*</p> <p>➤ Tips</p> <p>Check if you need a foam surround (i.e. compare mattress to bed platform).</p> <p>Non-EAP requests for a foam surround require a quote.</p>
<p>2" foam mattress underlay</p>	<p>Provided on request with mattress overlays.</p>	
<p>Foam surrounds</p>	<p>Provided on request with static mattress sections or mattress replacement systems or overlays.</p>	
<p>Non-contract pressure distributing foam mattresses</p>	<p>Meets all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items available on contract are not suitable. • Non-standard dimension or feature required to meet a clinical need. 	

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POWERED AIR & NON-POWERED AIR & FOAM MATTRESSES

Available on the NSW Government Contract, including those available in EAP

Refer to Quick Reference Guide (QRG) and EAP for options available within categories A, B, and C.

<p>CATEGORY A</p> <p><u>See QRG for models:</u> Powered mattress overlays and replacement systems and, non-powered air & foam mattresses and static air mattress sections.</p>	<p>Meets one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person has a stage 1-2 pressure injury. • Person identified 'at risk' of sustaining a pressure injury as documented on a validated risk assessment tool. • The mattress is suitable after completion of acute treatment and/or healing of a pressure injury. 	<p>Eligible Prescribers: Registered occupational therapist with > 1 year experience and 3 previous prescriptions of this category of equipment.</p> <p>➤ Tips</p> <p>EAP website and Quick Reference Guide (QRG) lists models of mattresses available on contract 819 within categories A, B and C.</p> <p>Request a foam surround if required and provide a quote if a non-EAP mattress request.</p>
<p>CATEGORY B</p> <p><u>See QRG for models:</u> Powered mattress overlays and replacement systems.</p>	<p>Meets two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person has a previous or current pressure injury (any stage). • Person identified 'high risk' or 'very high risk' of sustaining a pressure injury as documented on a validated risk assessment tool. • The mattress is suitable after completion of acute treatment and/or healing of a pressure injury. 	
<p>CATEGORY C</p> <p><u>See QRG for models:</u> Powered mattress overlays and replacement systems.</p>	<p>Meets all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person has a previous or current stage 3-4 pressure injury; or an unstageable or deep tissue pressure injury. • Person identified as 'very high risk' on a validated risk assessment tool. • The mattress is appropriate for long term prevention or management of a pressure injury. 	

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ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SURFACES AND ACCESSORIES

Contract mattresses and overlays have been considered but are not suitable.

<p>Non-contract mattress overlays (i.e. gel mattress sections and static air overlays).</p>	<p>Meets all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract overlays are not suitable. • A successful trial demonstrated that the item meets a clinical need. 	<p>Eligible Prescribers: Registered occupational therapist, registered nurse*, registered physiotherapist*</p> <p>➤ Tips Check overlays available through EAP and Clearance. Quote required from supplier for non-contract items.</p>
<p>Non-contract pressure relieving support surfaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-disciplinary input (including a medical / nursing wound specialist). • Contract items are not suitable. <p>PLUS meets two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person requires very high ongoing pressure relief due to history of a stage 3 – 4 pressure injury, unstageable or deep tissue pressure injury. • Trial demonstrated healing of pressure injury. • Additional feature(s) demonstrated specific clinical benefits for the person (e.g. low air loss, multi-zoned or continuous low pressure redistributing mattress). 	<p>Eligible Prescribers Registered occupational therapist with > 3 year experience and 5 previous prescriptions within this equipment category; plus 1 or more members of multi-disciplinary team (i.e. medical / nursing wound specialist).</p> <p>➤ Tips List name and clinical service of multi-disciplinary team member consulted.</p>
<p>Excluded equipment</p> <p><i>EnableNSW reserves the right to make the final decision regarding equipment funding, specifically items included or excluded.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double, queen and king sized beds and mattresses. • Non-disability specific beds and mattresses (e.g. innerspring, latex, Tempur foam mattresses). • Foam mattress for non-profiling bed. • Companion beds and mattresses for a partner without a disability. • Eggshell, sheepskin or silicone fibre overlays. • Items under \$100 such as bed rails and bed raisers. • Cots. • Heel wedges, boots, elbow protectors. • Short-term use of equipment during a period of bed rest (e.g. healing of fractures). • Floor crash mats • Total surround and turning beds. 	

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