

Seated Mobility: Seating & Pressure Cushions

APPENDIX B

SEATED MOBILITY: Seating and Pressure Cushions for use on Wheelchairs		
<i>For non-mobility seating and pressure cushions, refer to the Funding Criteria for Alternative Positioning and/or Pressure Cushions for Stationary Seated Surfaces</i>		
Included equipment	Funding Criteria	Eligible Prescribers/Additional Information
Group 1		
Standard Accessories		
Pelvic belt – 2 point Standard foam, gel or static air pressure reducing cushion Standard tray Standard headrest Pre-contoured seat base/cushion Gel padding	Provided on request	Eligible Prescribers: Registered Occupational Therapist Registered Physiotherapist
Group 2		
Customised Accessories or Modifications		
Combination gel / foam / static air pressure relieving cushion	Must meet at least one of the criteria below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing clinical need for pressure relieving cushion History of pressure injury 	Eligible Prescribers: Registered occupational therapist with > 1 year experience and 3 previous prescriptions of this category of equipment. Previous prescriptions do not have to be for EnableNSW funding <u>Please Note:</u> Provide information in the equipment request form (ERF) on findings of the MAT evaluation and pressure risk assessment
Additional pelvic positioning <i>(e.g. hip blocks, obliquity, wedges, sacral pad - added to customise a cushion)</i>	Contouring of cushion alone is insufficient to position pelvis due to pelvic obliquity, tilt or rotation	
Non-standard pelvic belt or stabilisers <i>(e.g. 4 point pelvic belt or pelvic keepers/ rigid devices)</i>	Must meet at least one of the criteria below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard pelvic belt is not sufficient to secure pelvis Increased muscle tone, extensor tone, primitive reflex activity is present 	
Headrest – Non-standard <i>(e.g. headrests without anterior head or neck support)</i>	Must meet all criteria below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard options trialled and not suitable Required for postural control, safety or security during mobility, communication and/or activities of daily living 	

Medial and lateral thigh supports	<p>Must meet all criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adduction/abduction or pelvic asymmetry is present • Contouring of cushion alone is insufficient to position upper leg • Trial of positioning components results in improved sitting posture and / or function 	
<p>Foot positioning supports Ankle huggers, foot straps or toe straps <i>(Not provided to manage behaviour)</i></p>	<p>Must meet at least one of the criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot / ankle position needs correction • Legs / feet in danger of injury due to movement disorder and required for safety • Stability required for functional tasks 	
<p>Contoured / customised back support</p>	<p>Standard options trialled and not suitable Plus meets at least one of the criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person requires accommodation of body shape or additional support to optimise independent mobility or to complete activities of daily living. • Person requires additional support to maintain an upright seated posture. 	
<p>Lateral trunk supports</p>	<p>Must meet at least one of the criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person requires additional trunk support to optimise independent mobility or to complete activities of daily living. • Person requires additional trunk support to maintain an upright seated posture. 	
<p>Harness <i>(Not provided to manage behaviour)</i></p>	<p>Must meet all criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pelvic belt or pelvic stabiliser is fitted • The backrest and/or accessories provide lateral trunk support • Style of harness follows best practice guidelines • Harness is required to provide additional anterior support to the trunk 	
<p>Custom tray</p>	<p>Must meet at least one of the criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person requires to complete activities of daily living performed in the seated mobility equipment. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used to mount communication device; power wheelchair controller or environment control units (ECU) Additional postural support for the trunk is needed. (e.g. prop with upper limbs/elbows) 	
Two trays 1x soft tray and 1x hard tray	<p>Must meet all criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional anterior support is required during transport Soft tray cannot be used for activities of daily living due to the need to mount a communication device, power wheelchair controller or ECU on tray 	
Non- standard armrests/ upper limb supports	<p>Must meet at least one of the criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person requires additional support / positioning to complete activities of daily living Standard armrests are not able to provide sufficient support 	
Group 3		
Customised Accessories or Modifications		
Backrest - custom moulded	<p>Must meet all criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customised and off the shelf options have been trialled and not suitable Mat evaluation has been completed and indicates significant postural asymmetries are present Body shape or asymmetries requires custom lateral and postural support for the person to maintain a sitting posture in order to participate in activities of daily living Consideration has been given to how system will accommodate any further changes Person is a full-time wheelchair user 	<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 or prescribed in consultation with a specialist seating service. Previous prescriptions do not have to be for EnableNSW funding</p>
Seat base / Cushion – custom moulded	<p>Person is a full-time wheelchair user and customised and off the shelf options have been trialled and do not meet needs due to at least 1 of the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex postural needs present Fixed postural deformity or nonstandard 	<p><u>Please note:</u> Information regarding functional outcomes of trials of standard items is required. List members of team in equipment request form</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • size • High risk or history of recurrent pressure injuries • Pelvic obliquity, tilt and/or rotation present 	For specialised head rests input from medical team is required if respiratory issues are identified and to ensure that there are no contra-indications for the use of proposed head and/or neck support
<p>Specialised head rests providing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anterior support - Head and should support <p>Neck support</p> <p>Supports not connected to the seating system that support the head and neck anteriorly</p>	<p>Must meet all criteria below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head cannot be supported upright against gravity • Seating system provides stability to pelvis and trunk and includes well-fitting pelvic belt and thoracic support. • Other options have been trialled and unsuccessful, including tilt and recline. • Risks from injury to the head and neck during core activities, including transport, have been identified and minimised • Plan for training person and carers is in place 	
Excluded equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headrests with included chin or neck supports 	
Glossary	<p>Seating systems – seat and back support surfaces and their attachment hardware, plus those accessories deemed necessary (RESNA)</p> <p>Off the shelf seating: commercial positioning or pressure relief equipment for use in a wheelchair, varying in size and composition, available for purchase from a supplier.</p>	<p>Customised seating: commercial equipment selected, positioned, adjusted or modified to suit individual need as directed by a therapist.</p> <p>Custom made seating: seating fabricated by a technician to provide positioning and / or pressure relief as guided by a therapist.</p>