

CRANIAL REMOLDING ORTHOSIS S1040

As posted on 6-7-2021 on the Provider Updates webpage effective June 1, all service authorization request for HCPC code S1040 pediatric cranial remolding orthosis must be submitted via Kepro's Atrezzo Provider Portal as will be reviewed based on InterQual coverage criteria.

Documentation Requirements:

- A prescription from prescribing practitioner.
- Practitioner exam within 90 days of the service authorization start date.
- Medical documentation supporting the need.



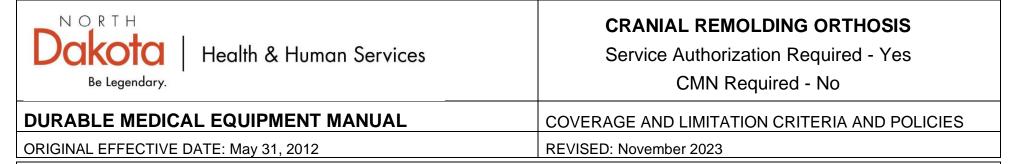
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Service Authorization Required - Yes

CMN Required - No

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUAL	COVERAGE AND LIMITATION CRITERIA AND POLICIES		
ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: May 31, 2012	REVISED: November 2023		

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Date Revised	Revisions							
February 2019	Reformatted to new format.							
October 1, 2019	Reformatted to new format. In documentation requirement section 60 days changed 90 days.							
November 23, 2022	Header logo updated with new logo.							
	Added information that Kepro would be reviewing all cranial helmet requests based on InterQual coverage criteria.							
	Documentation Requirements section removed CMN 580 requirement (effective 6-1-21).							
	Removed Indications and limitations of coverage appropriateness section previously used 8-22-22 (listed below).							
	"Indications and limitations of coverage appropriateness:							
	 Coverage considered medically necessary for treatment of moderate to severe positional head deformities refractory to therapeutic physical adjustments and position changes when band/helmet therapy is initiated at 3 to 18 months of age; and 							
	 Marked asymmetry has not been substantially improved following conservative therapy of at least 2 months duration with cranial repositioning therapy with or without physical therapy. NOTE: Due to the mobility of children > 6 months of age, repositioning therapy is not effective, and a trial of repositioning is not indicated; and 							
	3. One of the following must be met as documented:							
	 a. Skull Base Asymmetry: At least 6 mm right/left discrepancy measured sub nasally to the tip of the tragus (cartilaginous projection of the auricle at the front of the ear); or 							
	 b. Cranial Vault Asymmetry: At least an 8 mm right/left discrepancy, measured from the frontozygomaticus point (identified by palpation of the suture line above the upper outer corner of the orbit) to the contralateral euryon, defined as the most lateral point on the head located in the parietal region; or 							
	 c. Asymmetry of the orbitotragial distances, as documented by at least a 4 mm right/left asymmetry measured from the lateral aspect of orbit to tip of ipsilateral tragus. 							
	d. For brachycephaly evaluation, a cephalic index 2 standard deviations below mean (head narroits length) or 2 standard deviations above mean (head wide for its length) warrants coverage of							



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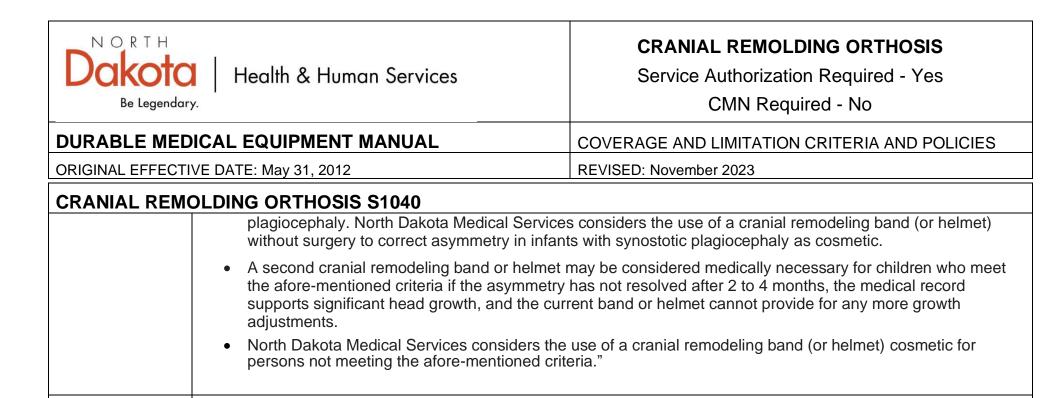
trial of orthotic banding to correct the craniofacial deformity in a child after 3 months of age and before 18 months of age. (Note: These measurements are generally obtained by the orthotist fitting the band or helmet).

Head width (eu - eu)	from euryon, (eu) on one side of head to euryon, (eu) on the other side	measures greatest transverse diameter or maximal head width
Head length (g-op)	from glabella point (g) to opisthocranion (op)	measures maximal head depth or length

Cephalic index = Head width (eu - eu) x 100 Head length (g - op)

Sex	Age	-2SD	-1SD	Mean	+1SD	+2SD
Male	16 days to 6 months	63.7	68.7	73.7	78.7	83.7
	6 to 12 months	64.8	71.4	78.0	84.6	91.2
Female	16 days to 6 months	63.9	68.6	73.3	78.0	82.7
	6 to 12 months	69.5	74.0	78.5	83.0	87.5

- e. Members with moderate to severe residual plagiocephaly after surgical correction.
- North Dakota Medical Services considers use of a cranial remodeling band (or helmet) medically necessary
 for infants with synostotic plagiocephaly to correct continued asymmetry following surgery; however, a trial of
 conservative therapy is not needed when the cranial remodeling band is used following surgery for synostotic



November 29, 2023 | Reviewed and reformatted. No changes made.