

Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS)

Application Guidelines for Pressure Redistribution Mattress/Overlay or Sleep Positioning System

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MASS may provide one item only, either a pressure redistribution mattress/overlay or a sleep positioning system.

| Subsidised item | Maximum MASS subsidy | May be subsidised when |
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| Pressure redistribution mattress/overlay - Basic | \$2500 | <p>Applicant experiences one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of developing a pressure injury as identified through a formal risk screening tool (e.g. Waterlow, Braden etc) and/or is unable to effectively redistribute pressure. • History of pressure injury. • Major fixed skeletal deformity and/or motor/ sensory loss with potential for pressure injury development and is unable to perform adequate pressure redistribution by turning, rolling or repositioning in bed due to inadequate upper and lower limb function. • Confined to bed for prolonged periods of time and is at risk of developing pressure injury due to one or more of the above reasons. <p>Note: MASS will provide subsidy funding for a single mattress/overlay up to a king single size. If a larger mattress/overlay size is requested the applicant will need to fund the difference between the single size and the size requested.</p> <p>This subsidy is not available for pain management only.</p> |
| Pressure redistribution mattress/overlay - Non Basic | \$6000 | <p>Meets the guidelines above and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client has significant history of pressure injury e.g. post surgical management of pressure injury and/or • Client has severe restriction in mobility e.g. high level quadriplegia, locked in syndrome. <p>An extensive range of basic pressure redistribution mattresses/overlays should first be trialled. It must be demonstrated that these are inadequate and do not meet client's skin integrity needs. Where clinical reasoning precludes trial of basic products, the MASS Clinical Advisor should be consulted prior to proceeding with trial of/application for a non basic product.</p> |

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| Sleep Positioning System | \$3200 | <p>Applicant requires support and positioning in lying to facilitate one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved respiration and/or swallowing. • Prevention of pressure injury through specific positioning needs. • Improved positioning for prevention of contractures and/or deformities. <p>Note: the subsidy is intended for clients who require high level support and have complex positioning needs.</p> |

For all pressure redistribution mattresses/overlays, excluding sleep positioning systems, items on the Standing Offer Arrangement (SOA) are to be considered first. Refer to <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mass/prescribe/living/products-suppliers.asp> . Non SOA items can be considered where they have been demonstrated to better meet the applicant's clinical and functional needs. This equipment must meet MASS' requirements.

Permanent Loan, Repairs and Maintenance, Ownership

Pressure redistribution mattresses/overlays and sleep positioning systems are most often provided on permanent loan, with repairs and maintenance funded by MASS. For further details, refer to the following sections of the General Guidelines:

- Permanent Loans
- Permanent Loans - Repairs and Maintenance
- Changes to Ownership of an Aid: this section includes information and the implications where equipment is either transferred from MASS to the client, or MASS takes over the ownership of equipment (e.g. similar equipment provided by interstate agencies).

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Remote Trial Subsidy (Up to \$200 per successful application)

The Remote Trial Subsidy shall be available to suppliers who attend the trial appointment in remote areas with the client and therapist.

The Remote Trial Subsidy shall be available for the following post codes:

- 4428
- 4454
- 4455
- 4465
- 4467
- 4468
- 4470
- 4472
- 4474
- 4475
- 4477-4482
- 4486
- 4488-4493
- 4707
- 4721-4733
- 4735
- 4736
- 4778
- 4801
- 4802
- 4805
- 4809
- 4816
- 4820-4825
- 4828-4830
- 4871-4876
- 4890-4892
- 4895

The remote trial subsidy may be available for the following products:

- power wheelchair
- scooter
- power assist device
- non basic and custom manual wheelchair
- custom mobile showerchair
- tilt in space manual wheelchair
- tilt in space mobile showerchair
- specialised stroller
- patient lifter and sling
- pressure redistribution mattress/overlay
- sleep positioning system

How to apply

Consult with an eligible prescriber to assist with assessment and selection of appropriate aids and equipment. The prescriber will complete MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment and any extra documentation required; then submit the complete application to MASS - please refer to the list of application forms and documents required below.

Trial and follow up requirements

Pressure redistribution mattresses/overlays or sleep positioning systems should be adequately trialled in the home environment. Minimum trial requirements:

1. Pressure redistribution mattresses/overlays – 3 nights
2. Sleep positioning systems – overnight. Application must demonstrate that the client was able to sleep and tolerated the system. Trial of at least 1 week is recommended.

When determining if trial of a pressure redistribution mattress/overlay has been successful, provide details of outcomes of skin checks.

A post delivery follow up visit is to be provided by the prescriber (or referred to another health professional) to ensure that:

- all items are delivered as quoted
- the client and carer are familiar with operation and effective use of the equipment, and aware of maintenance and repair processes

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Eligible prescribers

Applicants wishing to apply must consult an:

- Occupational Therapist (OT) or
- Physiotherapist (PT)
- Rehabilitation Engineer

In rural and remote areas, a Registered Nurse may complete the application in consultation with one of the allied health professionals listed above.

Application forms and documents

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| <p>Pressure redistribution mattress/overlay sleep positioning system</p> | <p>Include each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment, Part A Applicant Details • MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment, Part B Prescriber Assessment • MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment, Part C Equipment Application • Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant's concession card • Quote for pressure redistribution mattress/overlay or positioning sleep system. |
| <p>Replacement with same brand, model and size equipment (i.e. like for like) that is beyond economical repair but remains suitable</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment Letter Template • Signed MASS 84 Proxy Access to Centrelink Information form or photocopy of both sides of the applicant's concession card • Quote for the item <p>At MASS' discretion, equipment deemed beyond economic repair, may be replaced without requiring documentation. This is considered on a case by case basis. To discuss, contact MASS Repairs, phone 3136 3545.</p> <p>Note: if applying for other equipment in the one application, a MASS 20 Daily Living Aids and Mobility Equipment can be used.</p> |