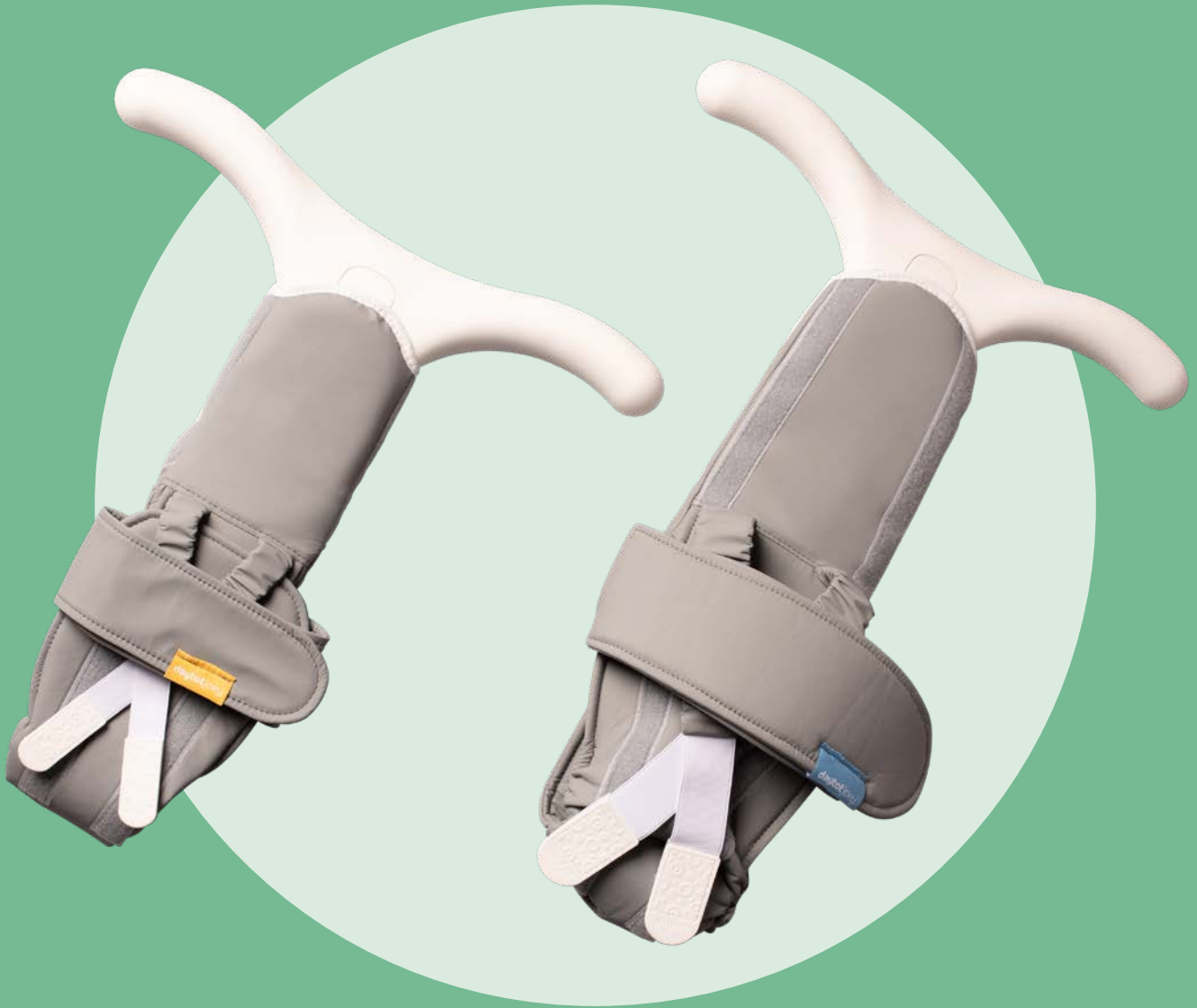


daytotjoey

Early intervention crawler



Every child is unique, and every child is assessed individually to see which products are required to meet their specific individual needs. Health care providers will make the ultimate decision on which products are appropriate for an individual, based on their clinical judgement, and the funding applications will take these individual requirements into account. Daytot cannot guarantee the success in obtaining insurance funding.



Sample Letter of Medical Necessity

DATE:

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MAY CONCERN:

Introduce yourself, highlight your relationship with the client and describe the product for which you are seeking funding.

I am a pediatric physical therapist treating Baby _____. The purpose of this letter is to request insurance approval and funding for the Daytot Joey. Joey is an early intervention crawling product designed to help counter the ill effects of premature birth/developmental delay/motor disability. Joey helps infants improve their head control, trunk control and tolerance for prone positioning and it helps them learn independent mobility.

Explain the child's diagnosis and/or disability. (Include ability to stand, sit, walk or transfer, and limitations in control of trunk, head or limbs resulting from the condition, diagnosis or injury.)

Baby_____ was born prematurely at ___ weeks gestation. His/her neonatal course included the following: prematurity, RDS, apnea, BPD, intraventricular hemorrhage, hyperbilirubinemia, PO feeding difficulty.

Full term infants are born in a state of physiologic flexion. This naturally provides a stable base of support, of which they can move their limbs and head. Infants born prematurely, on the other hand, have not had the chance to develop that in utero flexion. As a result, they struggle to move their extremities and their head in the extrauterine environment. This often leads to sequelae such as the development of plagiocephaly as well as the limbs falling into gravity in a posture of external rotation and abduction.

The Daytot Joey helps babies counter these ill effects of preterm birth by supporting them in proper alignment and assisting them as they learn to move their bodies in space.

Baby _____ demonstrates poor head control, as evidenced by a severe head lag with pull to sit. He/she has poor trunk control, as evidenced by his/her rounded spine in supported sitting. He/she demonstrates essentially no antigravity movement in his legs. Daily training on the Daytot Joey will help Baby _____ learn to lift his/her head against gravity, strengthen his/her spine and help him/her to develop reciprocal movement in his/her limbs. In addition to the strengthening benefits, current research indicates that developing early motor skills and independent mobility clearly helps children with their cognitive, language and social skill development as well.

How will using Joey benefit the child?

The Daytot Joey is designed to grow with Baby ____ from NICU discharge through to approximately six months of age. It will help Baby ____'s parents be an active participant in their child's recovery and therapy. It will help lay the foundation for acquisition of independent mobility, which is a critical component in early learning.

Describe the equipment and accessories being requested.

(Include details on adjustments for growth.)

The Daytot Joey is an early intervention crawler designed to enhance motor development and encourage independent movement. It is designed and manufactured as durable medical equipment and is a registered medical device.

- The Daytot Joey is suitable for infants from 37+ weeks gestation – 6 months, or a max user weight of 22 lbs. It comes in 4 main component parts: the Joey base, the cushion, the cover set and a set of 3 x protective bibs. There is an optional Activity Mat.
- Joey facilitates gradual weight bearing of the upper limbs, allowing Baby ____ to build up strength to develop their muscles.
- Joey facilitates hands-on training of reciprocal movement, which will enable Baby ____ therapist and parents to work together to develop his/her gross motor skills and work towards independent crawling.
- Joey facilitates a natural flexed newborn position, supporting the infants head, while allowing Baby ____ to work on building head control.
- The Joey has an adjustable, wraparound 5-point harness, providing support while allowing for full range of movement. This supports the trunk in a midline symmetrical posture.
- The free-wheeling castors on Joey will facilitate Baby ____ to move 360° in any direction, encouraging initiation and choice of play.
- The Joey is lightweight and portable, which will enable Baby ____ tummy time and therapy to take place in almost any setting.

The therapist or carer can set goals, allowing Baby ____ to benefit from daily training in any environment. These movements that stimulate muscle growth will help postural and motor control, strength, balance, and independent crawling.

Describe the Daytot Joey components being requested.

(Delete components as appropriate.)

I am requesting funding for the Daytot Joey with the following features.

Item	Description of Medical Necessity
<p>Daytot Joey Size 1 / Size 2 / Bundle Size 1 & 2 <i>(delete as appropriate)</i></p>	<p>Joey supports the baby, allowing them to move freely, while building the all-important foundations for their future physical and cognitive development.</p> <p>The supportive 5-point harness wraps around the baby providing comfort and stability. Joey enables independent movement in any direction. The free moving wheels on the base of Joey, allows the baby to move in any direction and encourages exploration & choice of play.</p> <p>The unique patented designed of size one, ensures that the baby's pelvis is low to the ground, facilitating a flexed newborn position. When the baby is ready to progress to size 2, the design allows for the hips to be lifted off the ground, facilitating reciprocal movements of the hips and allowing for full flexion and extension (four-footed movement).</p> <p>A unique feature of the Size 2 enables the parent or therapist to quickly change the height of the product – ensuring Joey grows with the baby.</p> <p>Joey uses durable, machine-washable, and breathable fabrics ensuring that it is functional, easy to clean and comfortable for the baby.</p>
<p>Daytot Activity Mat</p>	<p>The Daytot Activity Mat has been scientifically designed to support infant visual & cognitive development, while providing the best possible training surface for use with the Daytot Joey.</p> <p>Scientific research shows that the use of high contrasting colours, such as black & white shapes scaled to a specific ratio, supports visual & cognitive development, and stimulates quadrupedal (four-footed) movement in newborns – the building blocks for learning to crawl.</p>

Discuss the cost of alternative products, reiterating the benefits of Joey. (Describe how other potential therapy methods/equipment which have been considered are not adequate. Include specific details e.g. the make and model of less expensive items and the reasons they have been rejected.)

There are currently no other products on the market suitable for this age range. The Daytot Joey provides infants with the unique opportunity to develop early motor skills from 37+ weeks gestation. The Joey also provides the necessary trunk support (lateral support) which is not included with alternative crawling products.

Summary/conclusion

In summary, the Daytot Joey is a medically necessary, essential component to Baby ___'s recovery. It will help improve Baby ___'s head control, trunk control, reciprocal movement patterns and spatial awareness, thereby leading to earlier independent mobility. I request that you fund this DME in order to help Baby ___ achieve his/her fullest potential.

Include pictures to show the different sizes of the Daytot Joey.



Sincerely,

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