

§ 76335. Developmental Program Services -Postural Supports.

(a) Postural supports mean devices other than orthopedic braces used to assist clients to achieve proper body position and balance. Postural supports may only include soft ties, seat belts, spring release trays or cloth sheeting and shall only be used to improve a client's mobility and independent functioning, rather than restrict movement. These devices shall not be considered restraints.

(b) Postural supports shall be applied in a manner so that they can be speedily removed in case of fire or other emergency.

(c) Postural supports may be ordered by the interdisciplinary team. The type of support and the method of applying it shall be specified in the individual program plan.

(d) Postural supports shall be designed and applied:

(1) Under the supervision of a qualified professional person.

(2) In accordance with principles of good body alignment, with concern for circulation and allowance for change of position.

(e) Clients in postural supports shall be provided opportunity for motion and exercise for a period of not less than 10 minutes during each 2 hours in which postural supports are used. A summary of these exercise periods shall be recorded in the client's record at the end of each shift.

(f) Facilities shall have written policies concerning the use of postural supports.

Note: Authority cited: Section 208 (a), Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1276 and 1277, Health and Safety Code.

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