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TOPIC: Active / Passive Cooling & Heating Devices

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In April, 2014, the Medical Commission determined:

- Based on review of the current literature, both active and passive cooling devices will be approved for use to control swelling, edema, hematoma, and pain associated with trauma and/or surgery. These devices may be purchased or rented as determined by the Division.

Review of recent data shows that out-of-state providers order this treatment for up to 21 days, while Wyoming providers order the same treatment for up to 9 weeks. Additional review of the literature was also completed at this time.

Based on the most recent review, the Medical Commission has determined that the guidelines for active/passive cooling & heating devices be revised as follows:

1. Passive cold compression devices will be approved for use to control swelling, edema, hematoma, and pain associated with trauma and/or surgery. Current brands include AirCast, Cryo Cuff, AirCast Cryo Strap, Polar Care Cub, Polar Pack. **These devices will be paid as a rental for up to 21 days.**
2. Active cold compression devices, including AutoChill, Game Ready, IceMan, Nano Therm, Prothermo, and Vascutherm will be considered investigational and not medically necessary.
3. Active or passive devices that combine heating and cooling will be considered investigational and not medically necessary.

