

Meet Kaiser

Insurance Funding Success Story



Kaiser's Story

Recently 23 month old Kaiser Strong has been able to participate in a number of new activities, aided by some of the Firefly products which have been funded through insurance.

Kaiser had a difficult start to life. He was born at 28 weeks and 6 days, after having hydrops. He had the heart condition SVT, with a heart rate of 260+, and had complete kidney failure. Kaiser spent his first 2 months on a ventilator, and had a bi-lateral grade 1-2 brain bleed. He has cerebral palsy, and uses a feeding tube.

Kaiser is now starting to crawl. He and his mom, Amanda, regularly attend Hogg Therapy Associates for early intervention therapy, where Kaiser works with Megan Young and colleagues.

Earlier this year the center was visited by National Seating & Mobility (NSM), who demonstrated the Playpak early intervention kit, as well as other Firefly products. As therapist Megan Young explains, ***“They showed us all the different ways that the Playpak could be used to help children tolerate developmental positions to optimize weight bearing and increase strength. During the presentation, Kaiser’s speech therapist and I immediately looked at each other and said this would be perfect for Kaiser”.***

During the session Kaiser was able to lie in the prone position for 3-4 minutes using Playpak, when previously he could not tolerate prone for more than a few seconds before becoming upset. Both mom Amanda and pediatric therapist Megan saw that the Playpak could potentially be used by Kaiser both during therapy sessions and at home. NSM team members Jamie Easter (OT, RTS) and Danielle Mains (PT, ATP) explained the process for applying for insurance funding for the products.



Amanda was delighted to find that her insurance would cover the Playpak product, and it was ordered for Kaiser. The product has been just as helpful as Amanda had hoped. As Amanda explains, ***“We take the Playpak to every therapy appointment and use it there. I can then take it home and continue to work with Kaiser. I use it to position Kaiser so that he can put weight on his arms for a few minutes without rolling, which is improving his arm strength. We also use Playpak to help position Kaiser for feeding therapy”.***

Amanda has since had the GoTo seat and the Splashy bath seat funded for Kaiser through insurance, and has found these products just as helpful. As Amanda explains, ***“We can now go to restaurants with Kaiser thanks to the GoTo seat. He cannot sit in regular high chairs, but with the GoTo seat he can sit at the table with the family. I can also now go shopping with Kaiser, as the GoTo seat can be used in the grocery cart. Using Splashy, Kaiser can now play in the bath, as Splashy gives him the freedom to move. Previously he used an infant bath seat and it was restrictive.”***



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