

Medical Coverage Policy | Preauthorization via Web-Based Tool for Durable Medical Equipment (DME)



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OVERVIEW

This policy documents the prior authorization request process for durable medical equipment (DME).

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Generally InterQual criteria is used to determine medical necessity and is found in the Clear Coverage online authorization tool. However, for those policies specifically listed in the Related Policies section of this policy, BCBSRI medical criteria is used.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prior authorization is required for BlueCHiP for Medicare and recommended for Commercial products.

POLICY STATEMENT

BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products

Durable medical equipment is considered medically necessary when the criteria in the BCBSRI online authorization tool has been met.

Requests for DME should be obtained via the BCBSRI online prior authorization tool, which is available only to participating providers. All other providers should fax the request to Utilization Management at (401) 272-8885 to complete the prior authorization process. Please see reference to the items requiring prior authorization through the online tool below.

<https://www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/Login.do?redirectTo=/providers/preauth/preauthProviderOverview.jsp>

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage, or Subscriber Agreement for applicable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies and Prosthetic Devices coverage/benefits.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

CODING

The following CPT and HCPCS codes require Prior Authorization:

Air Fluidized Bed

E0194

Artificial Pancreas Device System

S1034, S1036, S1037

Non-Wearable Automatic External Defibrillator

Medicare Only: E0617

Bone Growth Stimulators:
E0747, E0748, E0760

Breast Pump, Hospital Grade, Electric:
E0604

Cardioverter Defibrillator, Wearable (WCD):
K0606, K0608

Continuous Passive Motion Device (CPM), Upper Extremity:
E0936

Functional Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation
Medicare Only: E0764, E0770

Hospital Beds and Cribs:
E0265, E0266, E0296, E0297

Medical Food:
Commercial Only: S9433, S9434, S9435
See Oral Nutrition Mandate for Claims Submission Form.

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) Pump:
E2402

Non-Wearable Automatic External Defibrillator
Medicare Only: E0617

Orthoses, Upper Extremity:
E1800, E1802, E1805, E1825

Pneumatic Compression Devices:
E0650, E0651, E0652, E0655, E0657, E0660, E0665, E0666, E0667, E0668, E0669, E0670, E0671, E0672,
E0673

Power Operated Vehicles (Scooters):
K0800, K0801, K0802, K0806, K0807, K0808, K0812

Power Wheelchairs:
K0013, K0813, K0814, K0815, K0816, K0820, K0821, K0822, K0823, K0824, K0825, K0826, K0827,
K0828, K0829, K0835, K0836, K0837, K0838, K0839, K0840, K0841, K0842, K0843, K0848, K0849,
K0850, K0851, K0852, K0853, K0854, K0855, K0856, K0857, K0858, K0859, K0860, K0861, K0862,
K0863, K0864, K0868, K0869, K0870, K0871, K0877, K0878, K0879, K0880, K0884, K0885, K0886,
K0890, K0891

Prosthetic Devices:
L5610, L5613, L5614, L5722, L5724, L5726, L5728, L5780, L5814, L5822, L5824, L5826, L5828, L5830,
L5840, L5848, L5856, L5857, L5858, L5859, L5930, L5961, L5973, L5976, L5979, L5980, L5981, L5982,
L5984, L5985, L5986, L5987

Seat Lift Mechanism:
E0627

Secretion Clearance Devices:
E0480, E0481, E0483, E0484

Speech Generating Devices (SGD):
E2500, E2502, E2504, E2506, E2508, E2510, E2511, E2512

Support Surfaces:
E0181, E0184, E0185, E0186, E0187, E0188, E0189, E0193, E0196, E0197, E0198, E0199, E0277, E0371, E0372, E0373

Wheels or Wheelchairs, Power-Assist:
E0983, E0984, E0986

RELATED POLICIES

Artificial Pancreas Device System
Breast Pumps
Functional Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation
Non-Wearable Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)
Oral Nutrition Mandate (for claims submission form)

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REFERENCES

Not applicable

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