

MEDICAL POLICY



MEDICAL POLICY DETAILS	
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Product Disclaimer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a product excludes coverage for a service, it is not covered, and medical policy criteria do not apply. • If a commercial product (including an Essential Plan product) or a Medicaid product covers a specific service, medical policy criteria apply to the benefit. • If a Medicare product covers a specific service, and there is no national or local Medicare coverage decision for the service, medical policy criteria apply to the benefit.

POLICY STATEMENT

- I. Personal manual or electric breast pumps are **eligible for coverage** when purchased from a participating DME provider.
- II. Rental of heavy duty, hospital grade breast pumps are **eligible for coverage** during the period of time an infant is in the hospital.
- III. Replacement breast pumps are **eligible for coverage**:
 - A. Manual - for each subsequent pregnancy;
 - B. Electrical - for subsequent pregnancies when:
 1. An electrical breast pump has not been purchased within 3 years; or
 2. If the initial electrical breast pump is out of warranty and malfunctioning.
- IV. A new set of breast pump supplies are **eligible for coverage** with each subsequent pregnancy.
- V. For grandfathered groups:
 - A. *Manual breast pumps* do not meet the definition of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and are therefore considered **ineligible for coverage**. Manual breast pumps are used by healthy persons, do not require order or prescription by a physician, are unable to be reused by other patients, and are not treatment for an illness or injury.
 - B. *Electric breast pumps* have been medically proven to be effective and are considered **medically appropriate** when a manual pump is ineffective (e.g., inability to express breast milk with the manual breast pump).
 - C. Rental of heavy duty, *hospital grade breast pumps* are **eligible for coverage** during the period of time an infant is in the hospital.

Refer to Corporate Medical Policy #1.01.00 regarding Durable Medical Equipment- Standard and Non-Standard.

POLICY GUIDELINES

- I. Coverage for Durable Medical Equipment is contract dependent. Please refer to your Customer (Member/Provider) Service Department to determine contract coverage.
- II. Coverage for comprehensive lactation support and counseling by a trained provider during pregnancy and/or in the postpartum period, and costs for the rental or purchase (depending on the terms of the contract) of breast feeding equipment will be provided without cost sharing as required by the Affordable Care Act (*refer to Description section*).

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III. A grandfathered plan or policy is generally a plan or policy that was in existence prior to 03/23/2010 that had at least one enrollee. Maintenance of grandfathered status after 03/23/2010 requires the plan or policy to limit the type of changes made to the terms of the plan or policy. Certain changes after 03/23/2010 will cause a loss of grandfathered status and would result in the plan or policy having to comply with several provisions under the Affordable Care Act (e.g., coverage of breast pumps). If a plan or policy is grandfathered, there should be a statement in the plan or policy identifying the plan as a grandfathered plan.

DESCRIPTION

A breast pump is a device used to express milk from the breast of a nursing mother. There are three types of breast pumps:

- I. Manual - operated manually by the individual; and
- II. Electric - alternating current/direct current (AC/DC) - (e.g., Lactina® Plus, Symphony®); single personal use due to inability to be properly sterilized between users; and
- III. Heavy-duty hospital grade, piston operated, pulsatile vacuum suction/release cycles, vacuum regulator (AC and/or DC, e.g., Hygeia EnDeare and Ameda Elite); able to be sterilized to allow for multiple users.

According to the Preventive Services for Women portion of the Affordable Care Act, non-grandfathered group health plans are required to provide coverage without cost sharing for comprehensive lactation support and counseling, by a trained provider during pregnancy and/or in the postpartum period, and costs for the rental or purchase (depending on the terms of the contract) of breast feeding equipment.

CODES

- Eligibility for reimbursement is based upon the benefits set forth in the member's subscriber contract.
- **CODES MAY NOT BE COVERED UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE READ THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES STATEMENTS CAREFULLY.**
- Codes may not be all inclusive as the AMA and CMS code updates may occur more frequently than policy updates.

CPT Codes

Code	Description
No code(s)	

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HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
E0602	Breast pump manual, any type
E0603	Breast pump, electric (AC/DC), any type
E0604	Breast pump, hospital grade, electric (AC and/or DC), any type
A4281	Tubing for breast pump, replacement
A4282	Adapter for breast pump, replacement
A4283	Cap for breast pump bottle, replacement
A4284	Breast shield and splash protector for use with breast pump, replacement
A4285	Polycarbonate bottle for use with breast pump, replacement
A4286	Locking ring for breast pump, replacement

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ICD10 Codes

Code	Description
Z39.1	Encounter for care and examination of lactating mother

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*Key Article

CMS COVERAGE FOR MEDICARE PRODUCT MEMBERS

There is currently no National Coverage Determination (NCD) or Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for the use of Breast pumps.