



**Louisiana Department of Health
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Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Coverage of Electric Breast Pumps

Effective for dates of service Jan. 1, 2019, double electric breast pumps will be covered equipment without prior authorization through the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) program for nursing mothers. Recipients must present a prescription for the breast pump and documentation of delivery date to a DME provider. Coverage extends only to personal-use, double electric breast pumps. Hospital grade, manual or single breast pumps will **not** be covered. Nursing mothers will be eligible for one breast pump per delivery within a three-year period. The billable code for the breast pump will be E0603.

Additionally, Medicaid will cover the appropriate breast pump supplies once every 180 days. A prescription for the supplies will be required. The billable codes for the breast pump supplies are below:

- 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.
- A4285 – Polycarbonate bottle replacement.
- A4286 – Locking ring for breast pump, replacement.

NOTE: Codes are included in this advisory to assist managed care organizations (MCO) with system changes. MCOs must ensure use of the correct codes listed on the durable medical equipment fee schedule after implementation of this change.

Medicaid will allow replacement of breast pumps purchased within the past three years from the date of request and following expiration of the manufacturer's warranty. Replacement and warranty are subject to the policy in the DME provider manual.

MCOs must update their systems for allowable HCPCS codes for electric breast pump and supplies in accordance with the requirements set forth above, effective for Jan. 1, 2019 implementation. All MCOs must complete their system updates accordingly and publish written

instructions for providers regarding prior authorization and claim submissions no later than 60 days from the date of this advisory.

If you have any questions regarding this mandate, please contact Irma Gauthier at Irma.Gauthier2@la.gov