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Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and  
Supplies

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# Authority

- 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 440, Sections 70 and 230.
- Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC Chapter 7, Section 1396a and 1397jj.
- Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 422.2356
- Title XIX State Plan Attachment 3.1-A Pages 2h and 3c, Attachment 4.19-B Pages 1b and .2



# Introduction

- DHCFP reimburses for medically necessary equipment and supplies.
  - Nevada Medicaid covers standard medical equipment that meet the basic medical need of the recipient.
- Products must have been approved by the FDA and be consistent with the approved use.
  - \* *Products or usage that are experimental or investigational and/or items classified as educational or rehabilitative by nature are non covered.*



# Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Coverage Categories

- Parenteral and enteral nutrition
- Medical foods
- Oxygen and oxygen equipment
- Prosthetics
- Orthotics
- Disposable medical supply
- Mobility



# Scope of Service

- A health care product that is provided under the Medicaid State Plan and is necessary and consistent with generally accepted professional standards to: diagnose, treat or prevent illness or disease; regain functional capacity; or reduce or ameliorate effects of an illness, injury or disability.
- Individual determination of Medical Necessity for DMEPOS
  - Type, frequency, extent, body site and duration of treatment with guidelines from national medical or health care corporations or governmental agencies.
  - Safely and effectively furnished, with no equally effective and more conservative or less costly treatment available to for recipient need.
  - Services are delivered in a setting that is clinically appropriate for specific physical and mental/behavioral health needs.
  - Services are provided for medical or mental/behavioral reasons rather than the convenience of the recipient, the recipient's caregiver, or the health care provider.



# General Information

- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) of a medical nature, needed for a medical condition, which lasts a considerable time without significant deterioration and suitable for use in locations in which normal life activities occur. Repairs are subject to limitations of model, cost and frequency.
- Disposable medical supplies are covered when necessary for the treatment of a medical condition which would not generally be useful to a person in the absence of an illness, disability or injury.
- Deluxe items are not authorized when a standard model meets basic medical need of the recipient. A medical need for each component of the item(s) requested are required. This includes accessory items and features not included in the standard models of the product.





# Non-Covered Services

- Services that do not meet medical necessity
- Personal comfort items
- Items that do not meet the definition of DMEPOS
- Items that are not standard of care per national medical community
- Equipment or supplies are for educational or rehabilitative
  - Reviewed under other policies
- Items primarily medical in nature
  - Case by Case review for outside of fee schedule of open codes are available per Code of Regulations.





# Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)

- Federal program that allows payment for medically necessary equipment and supplies for children under age 21 (up through age 20)
  - Case-by-case evaluation for DMEPOS when otherwise is a non-covered service





# Emergency Prior Authorizations (PA)

- Emergency situations allow expedited PAs:
  - When a delay of 24 hours of treatment could result in very severe pain, loss of life or limb, loss of eyesight or hearing, injury to self, or bodily harm to others; and
  - The treating physician/practitioner indicates a diagnosis that supports the use of the emergency policy.



# Dispensing/Delivery of Ongoing Supplies

- Supplies are dispensed monthly.
- According to physician's orders.
- Subject to coverage limitations.
- Order (script) valid for 12 months.
- Contact with recipient to verify continued need before shipment or reorder and document in recipient's file.
- Recipient and provider must have a delivery receipt listing what item being delivered and date of delivery.



# Provider Responsibility

- Ensure suitability for recipient and recipient's residence.
- Maintain compliance with Board of Pharmacy.
- Maintain records in readily accessible location for at least 6 years from remittance advice.
- Over-utilization, inappropriate utilization, misuse of medical services or equipment must be reported by the provider to Medicaid.
- The provider accepts responsibility to make sure recipient receives all medically necessary services.
- By accepting Medicaid reimbursement, the provider accepts responsibility for their contract and all chapters of the MSM pertaining to their provider type.
- Maintain and service rented equipment.





# Recipient Responsibility

- Maintaining equipment, keeping clean, keeping maintenance schedule, safe storage when not in use, protecting from loss or theft
- Accurately report their medical needs
- Not misuse, abuse or neglect rendering item(s) unsafe, non-usable or shorten the lifetime of the item
- Returning rented equipment when not needed (recipients can be held financially responsible for not returning equipment)
- Report no longer has need, Medicaid eligibility changes, or residence change

# Resources

- MSM Chapter 1300 – DME, Disposable Supplies and Supplements
  - <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C1300/Chapter1300/>
- Billing Guide PT 33 – DMEPOS
  - <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/BillingInfo.aspx>
- MSM Chapter 100 – Medicaid Program
  - <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C100/Chapter100/>
- Billing Manual
  - <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/BillingInfo.aspx>
- MSM Chapter 3300 – Program Integrity
  - <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C3300/Chapter3300/>



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# Questions?

