

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
Olympia, Washington

To: Durable Medical Equipment (DME) # Memo: 11-24
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Pharmacists
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies, and Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE): Fee Schedule and Billing Instruction Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Health Care Authority (the Agency) will:

- Update the *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies* fee schedules with the new maximum allowable fees;
- Update the *Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE)* fee schedule with the new maximum allowable fees;
- Replace rates for selected By Report (BR) codes;
- Update the *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies* Billing Instructions for the new process to submit photos electronically when requesting prior authorization;
- Clarify instructions for submitting additional information to the Agency; and
- Clarify instructions for submitting pricing information.

Overview

All previously published policies remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

Bill your usual and customary charges.

Maximum Allowable Fee Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will update the *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies* fee schedules; and *Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE)* fee schedules; and *Other DME* fee schedules with the new maximum allowable fees to reflect these updates.

Selected By Report Code Rate Replacements

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will replace rates for selected by report (BR) codes in the *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* fee schedule with established rates to enable automated processing.

Viewing Changes to the Fee Schedule

To view the July 1, 2011, fee schedule changes, go to the Agency website online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html#W>.

What is Changing?

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will make the following clarifications in the *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment, and Supplies Billing Instructions*:

Page	Clarification
H.1 and H.5	Instructions for submitting additional information on prescriber's letterhead before a claim will be authorized for payment.
H.5	Instructions for submitting required photos electronically when requesting prior authorization for the purchase or rental of equipment.
I.1.	Instructions for submitting pricing information on a dated and itemized manufacturer's invoice to the Agency.

Updated Billing Instructions

The Agency will be updating the *Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment, and Supplies Billing Instructions* with the information in this memo. You may download these updated billing instructions at: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/Download/Billing_Instructions_Webpages/DME.html.

How Can I Get the Agency Provider Documents?

To download and print the Agency provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Agency website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).