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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: All Prescribers
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
Providers
Pharmacists
Home Infusion Therapy Providers
Parenteral Nutrition Therapy
Managed Care Organizations

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<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/contact/prucontact.asp>

Subject: Nondurable MSE: Limitations on Diabetic Supplies, Incontinent Supplies, and Gloves; Discontinued Coverage of Bathroom Equipment, Compression Garments, and Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2009, the Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) will:

- Implement new maximum allowable quantities for blood glucose test strips and lancets and add expedited prior authorization (EPA) for pregnant women with gestational diabetes;
- Implement new limitations on incontinent supplies (briefs/pull-ups/liners);
- Implement new limitations on sterile and nonsterile gloves and add EPA for nonsterile gloves for clients residing in an assisted living facility; and
- No longer cover bathroom equipment, compression garments, and blood pressure monitoring devices.

Coverage Changes

The State Legislature has directed DSHS to reduce its expenditures in order to help balance the budget. This means certain services DSHS has provided in the past will no longer be covered or will only be available in a reduced amount. Because these coverage limitations apply to all medical assistance clients equally, there will be no continuation of the affected services **on and after August 1, 2009**. This reduction is in accordance with the final operating budget for medical assistance payments for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, as enacted by the Legislature.

With the help of their medical practitioner, clients may request:

- Authorization to exceed the limitations on services; or
- An exception to rule.

Limitations on Diabetic Supply Items

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2009, DSHS will pay for blood glucose test strips and lancets as follows:

- 100 per 3 months if the client is not insulin-dependent; or
- 100 per month if the client is insulin-dependent.

DSHS will pay for blood glucose test strips and lancets for pregnant women with gestational diabetes up to the quantity necessary to support testing as directed by their physician, with the use of Expedited Prior Authorization (EPA) number 870001263, up to 60 days post delivery.

Note: You may download the HRSA Limitation Extension Request form, DSHS 13-866, at: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms.html>.

Limitations on Incontinent Supplies (briefs/pull-ups/liners)

For clients 19 years of age and younger, **effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2009**, DSHS will pay for 200 briefs/pull-ups and liners per client, per month in any combination.

For clients 20 years of age and older, **effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2009**, DSHS will pay for 200 briefs and liners, per client 200, per month in any combination.

Diapers/briefs are limited to 200 per client, per month, regardless of age. This includes briefs and liners or a combination of pull-ups, briefs, and liners.

Note: There has been no change to the 150 limit per month for pull-ups. This limit is subject to the combined limit of 200 described above.

Note: You may download the HRSA Limitation Extension Request form for Incontinent Supplies, DSHS 13-870, at: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms.html>.

Limitations on Sterile and Nonsterile Gloves

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2009, DSHS will pay for gloves as follows:

- Sterile gloves, 30 per client, per month; and
- Nonsterile gloves, 200 per client, per month.

DSHS will allow additional non-sterile gloves per client, per month, if the client resides in an assisted living facility (these facilities are identified by code 13 in the 'place of service' box on the claim form). Additional gloves will be allowed up to the quantity necessary as directed by the client's physician, not to exceed a total of 400 per month, with the use of Expedited Prior Authorization (EPA) number 870001262.

Note: You may download the HRSA Limitation Extension Request form for sterile and nonsterile gloves, DSHS 13-870, at:
<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms.html>.

Noncovered Equipment and Supplies

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2009, the following services will not be covered for clients 21 years of age and older:

- Bathroom equipment;
- Compression garments; and
- Blood pressure monitoring devices.

Per WAC 388-501-0160, an Exception to Rule (ETR) may be requested for clients.

For an ETR for Bathroom Equipment, complete HRSA Exception to Rule Request for Bathroom Equipment, DSHS 13-872.

For an ETR for Compression Garments, complete HRSA Exception to Rule Request for Compression Garments DSHS 13-871.

Please see the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) available at:
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-501-0160> for detailed requirements regarding limitation extensions and ETR requests.

For additional information and how to access DSHS request forms, please go to:
<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/News/DMEChanges.htm>

Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

DSHS updated Sections D and E in the *Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE) Billing Instructions*. You may view/download the new billing instructions on the DSHS/HRSA web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).

Updated Fee Schedule

DSHS updated the Medical Supplies and Equipment Fee Schedule with the changes discussed in this memo. Visit the DSHS/HRSA web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html> to view the new fee schedule, effective August 1, 2009.

How Do I Conduct Business Electronically With DSHS?

You may conduct business electronically with DSHS by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

Later in 2009, DSHS will replace its current Medicaid Management Information System with a new payment processing system named ProviderOne. When fully operational, ProviderOne will pay about 100,000 providers who serve the one million people qualifying for DSHS services each year. Please visit <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/ProviderOne> for more information.

How Can I Get DSHS/HRSA Provider Documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These documents may be downloaded and printed.