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Breast pump Devices

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Abstract

For Members

Breast Pumps are medical devices, which are used by the breastfeeding mothers for the purpose of expressing and/or increasing their breast milk supply, due to medical necessities involving the infant or the lactating mother and interferes with normal feeding.

Daman covers breast pump devices, if medically indicated and as per policy terms and conditions of each health insurance plan administered by Daman.

For Medical Professionals

There are 3 types of breast pump devices:

- Manual breast pumps
- Battery-powered pumps/Electric pumps
- Heavy duty hospital grade electrical pumps

Daman covers Breast Pump devices only for the plans with "medical appliances and medical equipment" coverage, and as per the payment and coding rules.

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Scope

The Purpose of this AR is to define the medical indications for Breast pump devices.

Adjudication Policy

Eligibility / Coverage Criteria

Breast Pumps are only covered for plans with “medical appliances and medical equipment” coverage and as per the payment and coding rules.

Breast pump Device is considered medically necessary for any of the following indications (documentation is required to establish the medical necessity):

A. Infant:

- Prolonged infant hospitalization and the mother is discharged.
- Inability of an infant to feed due to a medical condition (e.g. prematurity including multiple gestation), or congenital anomaly (e.g. Down syndrome, cleft lip or palate, anomalies of tongue, cardiac anomaly etc.) or the infant has neurological problems (e.g. cerebral palsy, oral-motor dysfunction);
- Premature hospitalized newborns will be identified by an inpatient preregistration for the newborn;
- Failure of an infant to thrive.
- Babies with difficulties latching-on due to birth defects or fullness of the mother’s breast.

B. Maternal:

- Multiple gestation delivery;
- Mother has a medical condition or is undergoing treatment or a diagnostic test that contraindicates with breast feeding (e.g. mothers who have active untreated tuberculosis, mothers who are receiving diagnostic or therapeutic radioactive isotopes or have had exposure to radioactive materials, mothers who are receiving antimetabolites or chemotherapeutic agents or a small number of other medications etc.)
- Mothers with engorged breasts or plugged milk ducts, flat or inverted nipples, or any other malformations that interferes with milk expression.
- Mother is separated from the baby due to a medical reason (e.g. hospitalization).

Requirements for Coverage

ICD and CPT codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity.

Non-Coverage

Breast Pumps are not covered:

- For plans with no “Medical appliances and Medical equipment” coverage;
- When the medical appliance limit is consumed;
- When medical necessity is not met;
- When mother is separated from infant due to work, or vacation, etc.;
- Heavy duty, hospital grade electrical pump is not covered after the baby is discharged from the hospital.

Payment and Coding Rules

Please apply DOH payment rules and regulations and relevant coding manuals for ICD, CPT, etc.

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Denial codes

Code description
Service(s) is (are) not covered
Service is not clinically indicated based on good clinical practice, without additional supporting diagnoses/activities
Service is not clinically indicated based on good clinical practice
Service(s) is (are) performed outside authorization validity date
Prior approval is required and was not obtained

Appendices

A. References

1. FDA.gov/medical devices (2018)
2. NHS – pregnancy and baby

B. Revision History

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