



Pharmacy

NYS COVID-19 State Disaster Emergency, Executive Order No. 202



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Effective June 25, 2021 the disaster emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 202 expired. The New York State Department of Health Durable Medical Equipment Prior Approval Unit is actively working toward full reinstatement of all non-emergency policies.

Effective September 01, 2021 the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) policy guidance issued on March 28, 2020, located at the link below, will be rescinded or modified.

- https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/covid19/docs/2020-03-28_dme_guide.pdf

Delivery Guidelines - Proof of Delivery (DMEPOS Policy Manual, p. 21)

DMEPOS Proof of Delivery policy was updated for July 1, 2021 and includes updated requirements for proof of delivery signatures. The revised policy can be found in the policy manual at the following link:

- https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Policy_Section.pdf

Topical Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber (TOWT) and Negative Wound Pressure Wound Therapy (NWPT) (DMEPOS Procedure Guidance, pp.106-112)

NWPT billing guidelines were updated for July 1, 2021 (page 109 of current manual – refer to link above). Providers should review these updated guidelines for information required for prior approval. The physician ordering and monitoring the TOWT and/or NWPT therapies may continue to use telehealth to assess the monitoring status of the wound and the effectiveness of treatment. The documentation of the telehealth visit must be submitted to the Department for prior approval, to show efficacy of the treatment.

Medical/Surgical Supplies Prior Approval Renewals (DMEPOS Policy Manual, p. 6)

Providers dispensing medical/surgical supplies under prior approval will require an updated valid fiscal order and documentation requirements as per Medicaid guidelines located in the DMEPOS Provider Manual.

Medical Supplies Limits for Suction and Nebulizers (DMEPOS Procedure Guidelines, pp. 21-23)

Temporary increases to these supplies will end on September 1, 2021. Prior Authorization can be obtained for supplies above the maximum unit(s). Documentation to be submitted includes a valid fiscal order and letter of medical necessity. For further guidance refer to the DMEPOS Manual (pp.21-23).

Specific HCPCS codes affected are as follows:

- A4605 Tracheal suction catheter, closed system, each. (15)
- A4624 Tracheal suction catheter, any type, other than closed system, each (tray). (250)
- A4628 Oropharyngeal suction catheter, each (Yankauer). (5)
- A7003 Administration kit, with small volume nonfiltered pneumatic nebulizer, disposable. (2)
- A7004 Small volume nonfiltered pneumatic nebulizer. (5)
- A7005 Administration set, with small volume nonfiltered pneumatic nebulizer. (1)
- A7007 Large volume nebulizer. (5)
- A7015 Aerosol mask, use with DME nebulizer. (1)
- S8100 Holding chamber or spacer or use with an inhaler or nebulizer. (2)
- S8101 Holding changer or spacer for use with an inhaler or nebulizer; with mask. (2)

Additional Information:

The current DMEPOS Policy Guidelines can be found at:

- https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Policy_Section.pdf

The current DMEPOS Provider Manual can be found at:

- https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Procedure_Codes.pdf

If you have questions regarding this guidance, please call 1-800-342-3005 or email OHIPMEDPA@health.ny.gov

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