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Breast pump coverage — attestation and equipment requirements

Background: Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, Louisiana will require an attestation for breast pump coverage for all Medicaid recipients. All durable medical equipment (DME) providers will be required to obtain the *Electric Breast Pump Request* form signed by the member at the point of sale.

The *Electric Breast Pump Request* form will be located on www.lamedicaid.com under *Forms, Files and User Manuals*. It will also be included in the DME provider manual as *Appendix I*. DME providers should submit the completed form with the claim for medical review.

Criteria

In addition, effective April 1, 2019, electric breast pumps dispensed to all Medicaid recipients must meet, at a minimum, the below criteria:

- Have an adjustable suction pressure rate with either written instructions or an automatic mechanism to prevent a suction greater than 250 mm Hg
- Be adaptable for simultaneous pumping of both breasts (double-collection)
- Automatically cycle with an adjustable variable cycling rate, typically 30 to 60 or more cycles per minute
- Include a battery option and adapter to be used as an alternate power source when electricity is not immediately available
- Breast shields (flanges) that are adjustable and flexible or flanges that are available in several different sizes if rigid, including larger sizes
- All accessories necessary for pumping two breasts simultaneously for electric pumps
- At least two collection bottles with spill-proof standard size caps that are free from bisphenol-A (BPA) and diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP)
- Accessories and supplies compatible with the pump provided; materials of durable quality for withstanding repeated boiling, washing and pumping use

Claim submission requirements

When submitting claims for breast pumps to Healthy Blue, please be sure to include the *Electric Breast Pump Request* form along with the claim. The form can be submitted along with the claim online via Availity (<https://www.availity.com>) as an attachment or as a hard copy. Claims received without the *Electric Breast Pump Request* form will be denied.

For additional information regarding the coverage of electric breast pumps, please reference the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) *Informational Bulletin 18-19*:

http://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Informational_Bulletins/2018/IB18-19.pdf.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

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