

MO HEALTHNET
SPECIALIZED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

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State Plan Medicaid/ MO HealthNet Services must always be accessed when they can meet a service need before waiver services are accessed. For example, if a needed item can be obtained through the MO HealthNet Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program, it should be obtained through that program and should not be funded through the waiver service, specialized medical equipment and supplies. If the MO HealthNet DME program will not cover an item but the item meets the definition of specialized medical equipment and supplies, it may be funded through this waiver service.

For individuals under the age of 21, many equipment and supply needs can be obtained through the MO HealthNet Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program due to federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) mandates. Missouri refers to EPSDT services as Healthy Children and Youth (HCY).

Equipment and supply requests for individuals age 21 and older might also be covered through the MO HealthNet Exceptions process. In order for MO HealthNet to consider approving an exception request, one or more of the following conditions must be documented with the request (see the MO HealthNet Exception Process document in Section H. Medicaid and Waivers in the SC Manual):

1. The item or service is required to sustain the participant's life;
2. The item or service would substantially improve the quality of life for a terminally ill patient;
3. The item or service is necessary as a replacement due to an act occasioned by violence of nature without human interference, such as a tornado or flood; or
4. The item or service is necessary to prevent a higher level of care.

Supplies and Equipment clarification

Before using the waiver service specialized medical equipment and supplies, Regional Office staff and Targeted Case Management entities should consider whether an item or supply might be covered by the MO HealthNet DME program, Exception process, or Pharmacy program.

Items that may be covered by MO HealthNet as Pharmacy Services:

Vitamins
Chem-Strips

Items that may be covered by MO HealthNet Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program Regardless of Person's Age:

Augmentative Communication Devices	Shoe Modifications (covered for persons with diabetes or if attached to a leg brace)
Bed Rails	Suction Canister Note: Coverage is not brand specific
Commodes	Suction Catheter Note: Coverage is not brand specific
Inserts "for diabetics only"	Syringes
Orthopedic Shoes (covered for persons with diabetes or if attached to a leg brace)	Transfer bench
Ostomy Supplies	Wheelchair Cushions
Pressure-relieving mattresses	

Items that may be covered by MO HealthNet DME Program for persons under age 21:

Briefs, Diapers, Pullups, Underpads, Depends (Age 4 to 20 only)	Shower Chairs
Catheters	Shower Chairs
Gauze	Specialized Shower Chairs (Bariatric, Roll-in, Harness (Age 20 and under only)
Gloves	Standers
G-Tubes/J-Tubes (Age 20 and under only)	Thick-it
Nutritional Feeding supplements (Ensure) (only-after WIC allotment)	Tomato Seats (Depends on current seating system)
Compression Garments	Cranial Helmets (up to 12 months only)

Items that may be covered by the MO HealthNet DME Program as Exception Requests for Individuals age 21 and over:

Briefs, Diapers, Pullups, Underpads, Depends (Exception request only for age 21 and over that are not in the Comprehensive, Community Support, or Partnership for Hope Waivers)	Nutritional Supplements (Ensure)
Catheters	Pressure-relieving mattresses (Low air loss mattress)
Gauze	Suction Catheter—If patient is not on a ventilator and over the age of 20 submit an exception request Note: Coverage is not brand specific
Gloves	Syringes if medically necessary (i.e.: IV antibiotics, feedings)
G-Tubes	Specialized Shower Chairs (Bariatric, Roll-in Harness)

Examples of items that would qualify under waiver Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies:

Adaptive silverware/plates with lips on them, divided plates, plates with suction	Lancets for persons who are non-insulin dependent
Brief liners/pads	Med cups
Briefs, Diapers, Pullups, Underpads, Depends (Adults 21 and older)	Molded tub bar
Car seat	Move n Sit
Clothing protectors (bibs)	Safety beds
Cup holder	Scoop plate
Diaper wipes	Sensory equipment (chewies, small indoor trampolines, body socks, platform swings, ball pits, etc.)
Door knob extenders	Shoe horn
Eating aides	Shower caddy
E-Z lock systems for wheel chairs	Special toothbrushes & heads
Harness for car seats	Stair lift

Gait belts	Toothette sponges
Sweeping canes	Transport Chairs
Test strips for persons who are non-insulin dependent	Vertical rail
Toilet arm rest	Wash mitt

For additional information, Section 19.1 of the DME Medicaid Manual has a listing of DME procedure codes for Healthy Children & Youth (HCY) covered only for participants' age 0-20. Section 19.2 of the manual has a listing of the DME procedure codes for all participants.

Link below to current Durable Medical Equipment Manual (See Section 19 for the information)

http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection_dme/print.pdf

SECTION 19 - PROCEDURE CODES

19.1 HEALTHY CHILDREN AND YOUTH (HCY) COVERED ONLY FOR PARTICIPANTS AGE 0 - 20

19.2 DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME), INCLUDES ALL AGE PARTICIPANTS

IOC = Invoice of Cost

MN = Medical Necessity

MNF = Medical Necessity on File

MP = Manually Priced

PA = Prior Authorization

PC = Pre-Certification