

MISCELLANEOUS DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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APPLIES TO*

- Commercial
- Medicare

**Except for Hearing aid and cochlear implant replacement parts and accessories. See that section for specific plan details.*

DEFINITION

This policy identifies the payment and documentation requirements associated with various durable medical equipment (DME) items.

MEDICAL POLICY

[Durable Medical Equipment \(#91110\)](#) – reference for coverage details

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

We align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) standard documentation requirements for supplies and DME. Reference [CMS Article A55426 – Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs](#) for documentation requirements.

NAVIGATE POLICY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- [Wheelchair options and accessories](#)
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WHEELCHAIR OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

- Up to two batteries with code E2359, E2361, E2363, E2365, E2371 or K0733 at any one time are allowed.
- A non-sealed battery with code E2358, E2360, E2362, E2364 or E2372 will be denied.
- A single mode battery charger (E2366) is appropriate for charging a sealed lead acid battery. If a dual mode battery charger (E2367) is provided as a replacement, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

WHEELCHAIR SEATING

- A powered seat cushion (E2610) hasn't been proven effective. This will be denied.
- Pediatric seating system codes E2291, E2292, E2293, E2294 may only be billed with pediatric wheelchair base codes.
- A manual swingaway (E1028) should not be reported in addition to E0960 for mounting hardware.
- Wheelchair seat and back cushion codes are all-inclusive. Use of HCPCS codes to separately bill for added components such as the foam blocks, gel packs, air cells or equivalent material is incorrect coding.
- The right (RT) and left (LT) modifiers must be used when applicable.

WALKERS

A walker with an enclosed frame (E0144) hasn't been identified as medically necessary. If an enclosed frame walker is provided, it will be denied.

Brakes other than hand operated brakes, provided at the same time as a walker (E0141, E0143, E0149), may not be billed separately. However, if billed separately upon initial issue, the brakes must be billed using A9900, and the brakes will deny as not separately payable. HCPCS code E0159 (Brake attachment for wheeled walker, replacement, each) is applicable for replacement brakes only.

A Column II code is included in the allowance for the corresponding Column I code when provided at the same time and must not be billed separately at the time of billing the Column I code.

Column I	Column II
E0130	A4636, A4637
E0135	A4636, A4637
E0140	A4636, A4637, E0155, E0159
E0141	A4636, A4637, E0155, E0159
E0143	A4636, A4637, E0155, E0159
E0144	A4636, A4637, E0155, E0156, E0159
E0147	A4636, E0155, E0159
E0148	A4636, A4637
E0149	A4636, A4637, E0155, E0159

HEARING AID AND COCHLEAR IMPLANT REPLACEMENT PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

Applies to:

- Commercial, except for Cochlear implants, limits may be subject to Hearing Rider language. Some items are considered not covered per the Hearing Rider language.
- Medicaid, Priority Health follows [limits outlined by MDHHS](#).

Policy details:

Below are specified limits that Priority Health will apply to supplies, parts and replacement parts for hearing aids and cochlear implants. [Authorization rules may apply](#).

[Anatomical modifiers](#) to describe specific side of the body will be required.

Item	Maximum limit
Battery - Alkaline (CPT L8622)	150 per 6 months (per device)
Battery - Zinc Air (CPT L8621)	150 per 6 months (per device)
Battery - Lithium Ion (CPT L8623/L8624)	2 per year (per device)
Battery Charger (CPT L8625)	1 per 2 years (per device)
External Controller (CPT L8628)	1 per 4 years (per device)
Sound/Speech Processor (CPT L8627)	1 per 4 years (per device)
Speech Processor and Controller- Integrated (CPT L8619)	1 per 4 years (per device)
Microphone (CPT L8616)	1 per year (per device)
Headpiece/Headset (CPT L8615)	1 per 3 years (per device)
Transmitter Cable (CPT L8618)	1 per year (per device)
Transmitter Coil (CPT L8617)	1 per 3 years (per device)
Transmitting Coil and Cable - Integrated (CPT L8629)	1 per 3 years (per device)
Disposable Battery (CPT V5266)	36 per day (per aid) up to 72 per year (per aid)

MODIFIERS

As indicated in our [Durable Medical Equipment medical policy](#), the below modifiers will be required:

HCPCS modifiers

- **KX modifier:** Modifier should be appended to indicate that policy criteria has been met for all wheelchair DME items (includes base, seating, power devices, and additional accessories). Claims reported without KX modifier will deny as non-payable per medical policy. (Commercial, Medicaid products)
- **KX, GA, GY, GZ modifiers:** Per CMS local coverage determinations, one of these modifiers are required for claim processing all wheelchair DME items (includes base, power bases, seating, and additional accessories). See more information about this modifiers [in our Provider Manual](#).

Updates

Date	Update(s) made
Sept. 10, 2024	Added "Wheelchair seating" section
Oct. 3, 2024	Added "Hearing aid and cochlear implant replacement parts and accessories" section. <i>Note: The limits will apply to commercial products on Dec. 23, 2024. They already apply to Medicaid.</i>