



**Subject: DME Rental vs Purchase**

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## **POLICY**

It is the intent of the OSU Health Plan (OSUHP) to reimburse rental fees for Durable Medical Equipment until such time as the purchase price of the item is met OR 13 months (in accordance with CMS guidelines), whichever occurs first.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Durable Medical Equipment:

- Can withstand repeated use
- Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose
- Generally is not useful to an individual in the absence of an illness or injury
- Is appropriate for use in the home

## **APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all OSU Health Plan member claims.

## **POLICY GUIDELINES**

Any DME item \$2,000 or greater must receive prior authorization. If there is no UCR or provider fee schedule purchase price, one may be negotiated.

DME rental in lieu of purchase will be based on the item prescribed, the patient's prognosis, the time frame required for use and the total cost (rental vs. purchase) of the equipment. Consideration will be based on whether the item is rental only (see attached table) or has a provider contracted or CMS purchase price available.

When DME is rented, the benefits cannot exceed the total of the cost to purchase (based on UCR or the provider's fee schedule).

## **PROCEDURE**

The TPA is responsible for tracking the monthly accrual toward the purchase price as well as the number of months rented. When the 13 month time limit OR purchase price have been met, the TPA will indicate this on the Explanation of Benefits.

DME Items with no Corresponding Purchase Price:

CPT	Desc
A4639	Infrared ht sys replcmnt pad
A7025	Replace chest compress vest
E0117	Underarm springassist crutch
E0140	Walker w trunk support
E0144	Enclosed walker w rear seat
E0149	Heavy duty wheeled walker
E0165	Commode chair with detacharm
E0170	Commode chair electric
E0171	Commode chair non-electric
E0181	Press pad alternating w/ pum
E0182	Replace pump, alt press pad
E0186	Air pressure mattress
E0187	Water pressure mattress
E0193	Powered air flotation bed
E0194	Air fluidized bed
E0196	Gel pressure mattress
E0197	Air pressure pad for mattres
E0198	Water pressure pad for mattr
E0202	Phototherapy light w/ photom
E0235	Paraffin bath unit portable
E0236	Pump for water circulating p
E0250	Hosp bed fixed ht w/ mattres
E0251	Hosp bed fixd ht w/o mattres
E0255	Hospital bed var ht w/ matt
E0256	Hospital bed var ht w/o matt
E0260	Hosp bed semi-electr w/ matt
E0261	Hosp bed semi-electr w/o mat
E0265	Hosp bed total electr w/ mat
E0266	Hosp bed total elec w/o matt
E0277	Powered pres-redu air mattres
E0290	Hosp bed fx ht w/o rails w/m
E0291	Hosp bed fx ht w/o rail w/o
E0292	Hosp bed var ht no sr w/matt
E0293	Hosp bed var ht no sr no mat
E0294	Hosp bed semi-elect w/ matt
E0295	Hosp bed semi-elect w/o matt
E0296	Hosp bed total elect w/ matt
E0297	Hosp bed total elect w/o mat
E0300	Enclosed ped crib hosp grade
E0301	Hd hosp bed, 350-600 lbs
E0302	Ex hd hosp bed > 600 lbs

CPT	Desc
E0849	Cervical pneum trac equip
E0855	Cervical traction equipment
E0856	Cervic collar w air bladders
E0910	Trapeze bar attached to bed
E0911	Hd trapeze bar attach to bed
E0912	Hd trapeze bar free standing
E0920	Fracture frame attached to b
E0930	Fracture frame free standing
E0935	Cont pas motion exercise dev
E0940	Trapeze bar free standing
E0941	Gravity assisted traction de
E0946	Fracture frame dual w cross
E0955	Cushioned headrest
E0958	Whlchr att- conv 1 arm drive
E0968	Wheelchair commode seat
E0983	Add pwr joystick
E0984	Add pwr tiller
E0985	W/c seat lift mechanism
E0986	Man w/c push-rim powr system
E0988	Lever-activated wheel drive
E1002	Pwr seat tilt
E1003	Pwr seat recline
E1004	Pwr seat recline mech
E1005	Pwr seat recline pwr
E1006	Pwr seat combo w/o shear
E1007	Pwr seat combo w/shear
E1008	Pwr seat combo pwr shear
E1010	Add pwr leg elevation
E1012	Ctr mount pwr elev leg rest
E1014	Reclining back add ped w/c
E1020	Residual limb support system
E1028	W/c manual swingaway
E1029	W/c vent tray fixed
E1030	W/c vent tray gimbaled
E1031	Rollabout chair with casters
E1035	Patient transfer system <300
E1036	Patient transfer system >300
E1037	Transport chair, ped size
E1038	Transport chair pt wt<=300lb
E1039	Transport chair pt wt >300lb
E1050	Whelchr fxd full length arms

CPT	Desc
E1816	Sps ankle device
E1818	Sps forearm device
E1825	Adjust finger ext/flex devc
E1830	Adjust toe ext/flex device
E1831	Static str toe dev ext/flex
E1840	Adj shoulder ext/flex device
E1841	Static str shldr dev rom adj
E2000	Gastric suction pump hme mdl
E2120	Pulse gen sys tx endolymp fl
E2227	Gear reduction drive wheel
E2228	Mwc acc, wheelchair brake
E2310	Electro connect btw control
E2311	Electro connect btw 2 sys
E2312	Mini-prop remote joystick
E2313	Pwc harness, expand control
E2321	Hand interface joystick
E2322	Mult mech switches
E2325	Sip and puff interface
E2326	Breath tube kit
E2327	Head control interface mech
E2328	Head/extremity control inter
E2329	Head control nonproportional
E2330	Head control proximity switc
E2368	Pwr wc drivewheel motor repl
E2369	Pwr wc drivewheel gear repl
E2370	Pwr wc dr wh motor/gear comb
E2373	Hand/chin ctrl spec joystick
E2374	Hand/chin ctrl std joystick
E2375	Non-expandable controller
E2376	Expandable controller, repl
E2377	Expandable controller, initl
E2378	Pw actuator replacement
E2402	Neg press wound therapy pump
K0001	Standard wheelchair
K0002	Stnd hemi low seat whlchr
K0003	Lightweight wheelchair
K0004	High strength ltwt whlchr
K0006	Heavy duty wheelchair
K0007	Extra heavy duty wheelchair
K0009	Other manual wheelchair/base
K0010	Stnd wt frame power whlchr

E0303	Hosp bed hvy dty xtra wide
E0304	Hosp bed xtra hvy dty x wide
E0305	Rails bed side half length
E0316	Bed safety enclosure
E0371	Nonpower mattress overlay
E0372	Powered air mattress overlay
E0373	Nonpowered pressure mattress
E0424	Stationary compressed gas O2
E0431	Portable gaseous O2
E0433	Portable liquid oxygen sys
E0434	Portable liquid O2
E0439	Stationary liquid O2
E0462	Rocking bed w/ or w/o side r
E0465	Home vent invasive interface
E0466	Home vent non-invasive inter
E0467	Home vent multi-function
E0471	Rad w/backup non inv intrfc
E0472	Rad w backup invasive intrfc
E0480	Percussor elect/pneum home m
E0482	Cough stimulating device
E0483	Hi freq chest wall oscil sys
E0500	Ippb all types
E0550	Humidif extens supple w ippb
E0565	Compressor air power source
E0570	Nebulizer with compression
E0572	Aerosol compressor adjust pr
E0574	Ultrasonic generator w svneb
E0575	Nebulizer ultrasonic
E0585	Nebulizer w/ compressor & he
E0600	Suction pump portab hom modl
E0606	Drainage board postural
E0617	Automatic ext defibrillator
E0618	Apnea monitor
E0620	Cap bld skin piercing laser
E0630	Patient lift hydraulic
E0635	Patient lift electric
E0636	Pt support & positioning sys
E0639	Moveable patient lift system
E0640	Fixed patient lift system
E0656	Segmental pneumatic trunk

E1060	Wheelchair detachable arms
E1070	Wheelchair detachable foot r
E1083	Hemi-wheelchair fixed arms
E1084	Hemi-wheelchair detachable a
E1087	Wheelchair lightwt fixed arm
E1088	Wheelchair lightweight det a
E1092	Wheelchair wide w/ leg rests
E1093	Wheelchair wide w/ foot rest
E1100	Whchr s-recl fxd arm leg res
E1110	Wheelchair semi-recl detach
E1150	Wheelchair standard w/ leg r
E1160	Wheelchair fixed arms
E1161	Manual adult wc w tiltinspac
E1170	Whchr ampu fxd arm leg rest
E1171	Wheelchair amputee w/o leg r
E1172	Wheelchair amputee detach ar
E1180	Wheelchair amputee w/ foot r
E1190	Wheelchair amputee w/ leg re
E1195	Wheelchair amputee heavy dut
E1200	Wheelchair amputee fixed arm
E1221	Wheelchair spec size w foot
E1222	Wheelchair spec size w/ leg
E1223	Wheelchair spec size w foot
E1224	Wheelchair spec size w/ leg
E1225	Manual semi-reclining back
E1228	Wheelchair spec sz spec ht b
E1232	Folding ped wc tilt-in-space
E1233	Rig ped wc titnspc w/o seat
E1234	Fld ped wc titnspc w/o seat
E1235	Rigid ped wc adjustable
E1236	Folding ped wc adjustable
E1237	Rgd ped wc adjstabl w/o seat
E1238	Fld ped wc adjstabl w/o seat
E1240	Whchr litwt det arm leg rest
E1270	Wheelchair lightweight leg r
E1280	Whchr h-duty det arm leg res
E1295	Wheelchair heavy duty fixed
E1390	Oxygen concentrator
E1391	Oxygen concentrator, dual
E1392	Portable oxygen

K0011	Stnd wt pwr whlchr w control
K0012	Ltwt portbl power whlchr
K0015	Detach non-adj ht armrst rep
K0070	Rr whl compl pne tire rep ea
K0195	Elevating whlchair leg rests
K0455	Pump uninterrupted infusion
K0606	Aed garment w elec analysis
K0607	Repl batt for aed
K0730	Ctrl dose inh drug deliv sys
K0738	Portable gas oxygen system
K0813	Pwc gp 1 std port seat/back
K0814	Pwc gp 1 std port cap chair
K0815	Pwc gp 1 std seat/back
K0816	Pwc gp 1 std cap chair
K0820	Pwc gp 2 std port seat/back
K0821	Pwc gp 2 std port cap chair
K0822	Pwc gp 2 std seat/back
K0823	Pwc gp 2 std cap chair
K0824	Pwc gp 2 hd seat/back
K0825	Pwc gp 2 hd cap chair
K0826	Pwc gp 2 vhd seat/back
K0827	Pwc gp vhd cap chair
K0828	Pwc gp 2 xtra hd seat/back
K0829	Pwc gp 2 xtra hd cap chair
K0835	Pwc gp2 std sing pow opt s/b
K0836	Pwc gp2 std sing pow opt cap
K0837	Pwc gp 2 hd sing pow opt s/b
K0838	Pwc gp 2 hd sing pow opt cap
K0839	Pwc gp2 vhd sing pow opt s/b
K0840	Pwc gp2 xhd sing pow opt s/b
K0841	Pwc gp2 std mult pow opt s/b
K0842	Pwc gp2 std mult pow opt cap
K0843	Pwc gp2 hd mult pow opt s/b
K0848	Pwc gp 3 std seat/back
K0849	Pwc gp 3 std cap chair
K0850	Pwc gp 3 hd seat/back
K0851	Pwc gp 3 hd cap chair
K0852	Pwc gp 3 vhd seat/back
K0853	Pwc gp 3 vhd cap chair
K0854	Pwc gp 3 xhd seat/back

Dme Rental vs. Purchase

E0657	Segmental pneumatic chest
E0675	Pneumatic compression device
E0740	Non-implant pelv flr e-stim
E0744	Neuromuscular stim for scoli
E0745	Neuromuscular stim for shock
E0749	Elec osteogen stim implanted
E0762	Trans elec jt stim dev sys
E0764	Functional neuromuscularstim
E0779	Amb infusion pump mechanical
E0781	External ambulatory infus pu
E0784	Ext amb infusn pump insulin
E0791	Parenteral infusion pump sta

	concentrator
E1405	O2/water vapor enrich w/heat
E1406	O2/water vapor enrich w/o he
E1700	Jaw motion rehab system
E1800	Adjust elbow ext/flex device
E1801	Sps elbow device
E1802	Adjst forearm pro/sup device
E1805	Adjust wrist ext/flex device
E1806	Sps wrist device
E1810	Adjust knee ext/flex device
E1811	Sps knee device
E1812	Knee ext/flex w act res ctrl
E1815	Adjust ankle ext/flex device

K0855	Pwc gp 3 xhd cap chair
K0856	Pwc gp3 std sing pow opt s/b
K0857	Pwc gp3 std sing pow opt cap
K0858	Pwc gp3 hd sing pow opt s/b
K0859	Pwc gp3 hd sing pow opt cap
K0860	Pwc gp3 vhd sing pow opt s/b
K0861	Pwc gp3 std mult pow opt s/b
K0862	Pwc gp3 hd mult pow opt s/b
K0863	Pwc gp3 vhd mult pow opt s/b
K0864	Pwc gp3 xhd mult pow opt s/b

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