



Health & Human Services

## EXTERNAL INFUSION PUMP

Service Authorization Required: Yes

CMN Required: No

### DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUAL

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### Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:

Coverage allowed all criteria are met:

- Administration of any medication that is medically necessary, reasonable and prescribed by a physician; such as:
  - Deferoxamine for iron overload
  - Chemotherapy for the treatment of primary hepatocellular or colorectal cancer
  - Morphine when used for the treatment of intractable pain
  - Other appropriate medication(s)
- Parental administration of the medication in the home is reasonable and necessary.
- Infusion pump is necessary to safely administer the medication.
- Systemic toxicity or adverse effects of the medication is unavoidable without infusing at a controlled rate.

### Infusion Pump Supplies:

- An IV pole (E0776) is covered only when a stationary infusion pump (E0791) is ordered.
- A4221: Includes dressings for catheter site, flush solutions, cannulas, needles, dressings, and infusion supplies. Allowed 1 unit per week.
- A4222, K0552: Includes the cassette or bag, diluting solutions, tubing, port cap changes, compounding charges, and preparation charges. Allow 1 cassette or bag for each dose of medication administered.

### Non Covered:

- Medications and related supplies/equipment billed by a supplier for a member who does not meet the above stated criteria.
- Backup pumps.
- Disposable medication delivery systems because they do not meet the definition of durable medical equipment. No exceptions.



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**Documentation Requirements:**

- A **new** service authorization is required if a medication dosage is changed or a new medication added to be administered.
- Physician/practitioner prescription.
- Physician/practitioner visit note 90 days prior to the service authorization request's start date.

**Date Revised**

**Revisions**

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Reformatted and reviewed

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Reviewed and reformatted. Added new department logo. Deleted the CMN requirement. Documentation Requirements section bullet one deleted and a **new** CMN is required. Bullet three deleted current physician exam within 60 days of service authorization start date. Bullet three added physician/practitioner visit note 90 days prior to the service authorization request's start date. Bullet two added practitioner.