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TO: Medical Suppliers - For Action
Physicians - For Information Only
Health Maintenance Organizations - For Information Only

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
Recycling Program

EFFECTIVE: Certain DME services provided on or after November 1, 1999

PURPOSE: To notify medical suppliers of the implementation of a new DME recycling program.

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is implementing a DME recycling program intended to collect, refurbish, inventory and redistribute medically necessary DME to Medicaid, NJ KidCare and GA fee-for-service beneficiaries residing in Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset and Union Counties. This program will utilize the services of an outside contractor, InterHealth LLC, which will be responsible for identifying recyclable DME; collecting and redistributing used DME; and monitoring its use by Program beneficiaries. InterHealth LLC will also be responsible for receiving inquiries concerning available DME from medical suppliers and the Medicaid District Offices (MDOs) through the use of a toll-free telephone number.

ACTION: Effective for certain DME services provided to Medicaid, NJ KidCare and GA beneficiaries residing in Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset and Union Counties on or after November 1, 1999, medical suppliers are required to perform the following prior to providing certain DME:

- 1) Prior to dispensing equipment determined recyclable by DMAHS that does not require prior authorization (PA) from the Medicaid program, medical suppliers shall contact the DME recycling contractor, InterHealth LLC, to determine the

availability of recyclable equipment for reuse. Suppliers shall not submit requests to the contractor for recycled equipment when rental of the equipment for one month or less will satisfy the medical needs of the beneficiary.

A listing of recyclable DME is attached to this Newsletter. For DME included in this list, medical suppliers are required to contact InterHealth LLC at 1-800-933-4028 prior to dispensing new DME to Medicaid, NJ KidCare and GA fee-for-service beneficiaries. Medical Suppliers must fax to InterHealth LLC a copy of the original prescription for the DME being requested. The faxed prescription must include the beneficiary's name, beneficiary eligibility identification number, and the beneficiary's address and telephone number. The InterHealth LLC facsimile number is: 1-877-367-4909. The beneficiary must provide the original prescription to InterHealth LLC when the contractor delivers the recycled equipment.

- 2) PA requests for DME **requiring PA** from the Medicaid program shall continue to be submitted to the appropriate MDO. As part of the PA review process, the MDO will determine whether the use of recycled equipment is cost effective and will contact InterHealth LLC to determine if such equipment is available. If the same or similar equipment is available from InterHealth LLC to satisfy a PA request, the MDO will notify medical suppliers that recyclable equipment is being provided by InterHealth LLC.

For free-standing equipment, or equipment not a component of a customized DME project, InterHealth LLC will assume all responsibility for delivery of the equipment to the beneficiary.

For equipment that is a component of a customized DME project, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair frame, the medical supplier is required to contact InterHealth LLC to request delivery of the DME component to his/her place of business.

- 3) All Medicaid-participating medical suppliers are required to contact InterHealth LLC when aware of or taking possession of recyclable DME. InterHealth LLC will pickup this equipment at the medical supplier's place of business or the beneficiary's residence.
- 4) InterHealth LLC shall be responsible for picking up recyclable equipment from the beneficiary's place of residence when such equipment is no longer medically necessary.

- 5) Disposable medical supplies are not included in the State's DME recycling program.

It is important to note that only equipment prescribed for Medicaid, NJ KidCare and GA fee-for-service beneficiaries residing in Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset and Union Counties is eligible for the DME Recycling program. Equipment prescribed for dually eligible beneficiaries, those eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid or Medicare/NJ KidCare coverage, are exempt from the Recycling program, unless Medicare denies the equipment. In these cases, the equipment would become eligible for recycling.

For those medical suppliers who choose to request PA for dually eligible beneficiaries, the Prior Authorization Request Form must clearly indicate that the request is for a Medicare/Medicaid or Medicare/NJ KidCare eligible beneficiary.

The DMAHS will periodically audit paid claims for recyclable DME to determine compliance with this program by medical suppliers. Payments for new equipment purchased by the State when the same or similar equipment was available from the DME recycling contractor may be subject to recoupment by the State of New Jersey.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact the Chief Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (609) 588-2724.

Attachment

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**DME RECYCLING
ATTACHMENT**

<u>HCPCS CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A4613	Battery charger; replacement for patient-owned ventilator
B9000	Enteral nutrition infusion pump - without alarm
B9002	Enteral nutrition infusion pump - with alarm
E0100	Cane, includes canes of all materials, adjustable or fixed with tips
E0105	Cane, quad or three prong, includes canes of all materials, adjustable or fixed with tips
E0110	Crutches forearm, includes crutches of various materials, adjustable or fixed, complete with tips and handgrips, pair
E0111	Crutch forearm, includes crutches of various materials, adjustable or fixed, with tip and handgrip, each
E0112	Crutches underarm, wood, adjustable or fixed, with pads, tips and handgrips, pair
E0113	Crutch underarm, wood, adjustable or fixed, with pad, tip and handgrip, each
E0114	Crutches underarm, aluminum, adjustable or fixed, with pads, tips and handgrips, pair
E0116	Crutch underarm, aluminum, adjustable or fixed, with pad, tip and handgrip, each
E0130	Walker, rigid (pickup), adjustable or fixed height
E0135	Walker, folding (pickup), adjustable or fixed height
E0141	Walker, wheeled, without seat
E0142	Rigid walker, wheeled, with seat
E0143	Folding walker, wheeled, without seat
E0145	Walker, wheeled, with seat and crutch attachments
E0146	Walker, wheeled, with seat

E0147 Heavy duty, multiple braking system, variable wheel resistance walker

E0153 Platform attachment, forearm crutch, each

E0154 Platform attachment, walker, each

E0156 Seat attachment, walker

E0163 Commode chair, stationary, with fixed arms

E0164 Commode chair, mobile, with fixed arms

E0165 Commode chair, stationary, with detachable arms

E0166 Commode chair, mobile, with detachable arms

E0175 Foot rest, for use with commode chair, each

E0180 Pressure pad, alternating with pump

E0181 Pressure pad, alternating with pump, heavy duty

E0182 Pump for alternating pressure pad

E0186 Air pressure mattress

E0192 Low pressure and positioning equalization pad

E0200 Heat lamp, without stand (table model), includes bulb, or infrared element

E0202 Phototherapy (bilirubin) light with photometer

E0235 Paraffin bath unit, portable (see medical supply code A4265 for paraffin)

E0236 Pump for water circulating pad

E0237 Water circulating heat pad with pump

E0250 Hospital bed, fixed height, with any type side rails, with mattress

E0251 Hospital bed, fixed height, with any type side rails, without mattress

E0255 Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, with any type side rails, with mattress

E0256 Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, with any type side rails, without mattress

- E0260 Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustments), with any type side rails, with mattress
- E0261 Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustments), with any type side rails, without mattress
- E0265 Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot, and height adjustments), with any type side rails, with mattress
- E0266 Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot, and height adjustments), with any type side rails, without mattress
- E0270 Hospital bed, institutional type includes: oscillating, circulating and stryker frame, with mattress
- E0271 Mattress, inner spring
- E0273 Bed board
- E0274 Over-bed table
- E0290 Hospital bed, fixed height, without side rails, with mattress
- E0291 Hospital bed, fixed height, without side rails, without mattress
- E0292 Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, without side rails, with mattress
- E0293 Hospital bed, variable height, hi-lo, without side rails, without mattress
- E0294 Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustments), without side rails, with mattress
- E0295 Hospital bed, semi-electric (head and foot adjustments), without side rails, without mattress
- E0296 Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot and height adjustments), without side rails, with mattress
- E0297 Hospital bed, total electric (head, foot and height adjustments), without side rails, without mattress
- E0305 Bedside rails, half length
- E0310 Bedside rails, full length
- E0315 Bed accessory: board, table, or support device, any type

E0462	Rocking bed with or without side rails
E0480	Percussor, electric or pneumatic, home model
E0565	Compressor, air power source for equipment which is not self-contained or cylinder driven
E0570	Nebulizer, with compressor
E0575	Nebulizer, ultrasonic
E0580	Nebulizer, durable, glass or autoclavable plastic, bottle type, for use with regulator or flowmeter
E0585	Nebulizer, with compressor and heater
E0600	Suction pump, home model, portable
E0609	Blood glucose monitor with special features (e.g., voice synthesizers, automatic timers, etc.)
E0625	Patient lift, Kartop, bathroom or toilet
E0630	Patient lift, hydraulic, with seat or sling
E0635	Patient lift, electric with seat or sling
E0650	Pneumatic compressor, nonsegmental home model, (lymphedema pump)
E0651	Pneumatic compressor, segmental home model, (lymphedema pump) without calibrated gradient pressure
E0652	Pneumatic compressor, segmental home model, (lymphedema pump) with calibrated gradient pressure
E0660	Nonsegmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full leg
E0665	Nonsegmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full arm
E0666	Nonsegmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, half leg
E0667	Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full leg
E0668	Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full arm

E0690 Ultraviolet cabinet, appropriate for home use

E0720 TENS, two lead, localized stimulation

E0730 TENS, four lead, larger area/multiple nerve stimulation

E0744 Neuromuscular stimulator for scoliosis

E0745 Neuromuscular stimulator, electronic shock unit

E0746 Electromyography (EMG), biofeedback device

E0776 IV pole

E0784 External ambulatory infusion pump, insulin

E0840 Traction frame, attached to headboard, simple cervical traction

E0850 Traction stand, freestanding, simple cervical traction

E0870 Traction frame, attached to footboard, simple extremity traction (e.g., Buck's)

E0880 Traction stand, freestanding simple extremity traction (e.g., Buck's)

E0890 Traction frame, attached to footboard, simple pelvic traction

E0900 Traction stand, freestanding simple pelvic traction (e.g., Buck's)

E0910 Trapeze bars, A/K/A patient helper, attached to bed, with grab bar

E0920 Fracture frame, attached to bed, includes weights

E0930 Fracture frame, freestanding, includes weights

E0940 Trapeze bar, freestanding, complete with grab bar

E0941 Gravity assisted traction device, any type

E0942 Cervical head harness/halter

E0946 Fracture, frame, dual with cross bars, attached to bed, (e.g., balkan, 4 poster)

E0947 Fracture frame, attachments for complex pelvic traction

E0948 Fracture frame, attachments for complex cervical traction

E0972	Transfer board, wheelchair
E1031	Rollabout chair, any and all types with castors 5" or greater
E1050	Fully-reclining wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
E1060	Fully-reclining wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
E1065	Power attachment (to convert any wheelchair to motorized wheelchair; (e.g., solo)
E1066	Battery charger
E1070	Fully-reclining wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable foot rest
E1083	Hemi-wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
E1084	Hemi-wheelchairs, detachable arms, desk or full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
E1085	Hemi-wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable foot rests
E1086	Hemi-wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable foot rests
E1087	High strength lightweight wheelchair, fixed-full length arms, swing away detachable leg rests
E1088	High strength lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
E1089	High strength lightweight wheelchair, fixed length arms, swing away detachable foot rest
E1090	High strength lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable foot rests
E1091	Youth wheelchair, any type
E1092	Wide heavy duty wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable elevating leg rests

- E1093 Wide heavy duty wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length arms, swing away detachable foot rests
- E1100 Semi-reclining wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1110 Semi-reclining wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, elevating leg rests
- E1130 Standard wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, fixed or swing away detachable foot rests
- E1140 Wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable foot rests
- E1150 Wheelchair, detachable arms, desk or full-length, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1160 Wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1170 Amputee wheelchair, fixed full length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1171 Amputee wheelchair, fixed full length arms, without foot rests or leg rests
- E1172 Amputee wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full-length) without foot rests or leg rests
- E1180 Amputee wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full-length) swing away detachable foot rests
- E1190 Amputee wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full-length) swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1195 Heavy duty wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1200 Amputee wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable foot rest
- E1210 Motorized wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1211 Motorized wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full-length) swing away, detachable elevating leg rests
- E1212 Motorized wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable foot rests
- E1213 Motorized wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full-length) swing away detachable foot rests

- E1220 Wheelchair; specially sized or constructed (indicate brand name, model number, and justification)
- E1221 Wheelchair with fixed arm, foot rests
- E1222 Wheelchair with fixed arm, elevating leg rest
- E1223 Wheelchair with detachable arms, foot rests
- E1224 Wheelchair with detachable arms, elevating leg rests
- E1230 Power operated vehicle (three or four wheel nonhighway), specify brand name and model number
- E1240 Lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms, (desk or full-length) swing away detachable, elevating leg rest
- E1250 Lightweight wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable foot rest
- E1260 Lightweight wheelchair, detachable arms, (desk or full-length) swing away detachable foot rest
- E1270 Lightweight wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable elevating leg rests
- E1280 Heavy duty wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full-length) elevating leg rests
- E1285 Heavy duty wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, swing away detachable foot rest
- E1290 Heavy duty wheelchair, detachable arms (desk or full-length) swing away detachable foot rest
- E1295 Heavy duty wheelchair, fixed full-length arms, elevating leg rest
- E1300 Whirlpool, portable (overtub type)
- E1353 Regulator
- E1355 Stand/rack
- E1372 Immersion external heater for nebulizer
- E1375 Nebulizer, portable with small compressor, with limited flow
- E1399 Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous

E1590	Hemodialysis machine
E1594	Cycler dialysis machine for peritoneal dialysis
K0001	Standard wheelchair
K0002	Standard hemi (low seat) wheelchair
K0003	Lightweight wheelchair
K0004	High strength, lightweight wheelchair
K0005	Ultra lightweight wheelchair
K0006	Heavy duty wheelchair
K0007	Extra heavy duty wheelchair
K0008	Custom manual wheelchair/base
K0009	Other manual wheelchair/base
K0010	Standard-weight frame motorized/power wheelchair
K0011	Standard-weight frame motorized/power wheelchair with programmable control parameters for speed adjustment, tremor dampening, acceleration control and braking
K0012	Lightweight portable motorized/power wheelchair
K0013	Custom motorized/power wheelchair base
K0014	Other motorized/power wheelchair base
K0088	Battery charger, lead acid or gel cell
K0089	Battery charger, dual mode
K0103	Transfer board, less than 25 inches
K0104	Cylinder tank carrier
K0105	IV hanger
K0193	Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device, with humidifier

K0194 Intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), with humidifier

K0268 Humidifier, used with CPAP device

K0284 External infusion pump, mechanical, reusable, for extended drug infusion

K0414 Power overlay for mattress

K0417 External infusion pump, mechanical, reusable, for short-term drug infusion

K0456 Hospital bed, heavy duty, extra wide, with any type side rails, with mattress

K0457 Extra wide/heavy duty commode chair, each

K0458 Heavy duty walker, without wheels, each

K0459 Heavy duty wheeled walker, each

K0460 Power add-on, to convert manual wheelchair to motorized wheelchair, joystick control

K0461 Power add-on, to convert manual wheelchair to power operated vehicle, tiller control

X8200 Augmentative communication device