

May 12, 2020

Dear Keystone First/Keystone First Community HealthChoices Provider,

To reduce the burden on providers and patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, Keystone First and Keystone First Community HealthChoices (CHC) will follow the guidelines released by the Department of Human Services regarding the authorization requirements for Durable Medical Equipment (DME).


Effective immediately Keystone First and Keystone First CHC will not require an authorization for the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) procedure codes listed on the attachment included with this notice. This authorization policy will be in place while a valid disaster declaration authorized by the Governor for the COVID-19 virus remains in effect.

Important reminders:

- Include a CR (catastrophe related) modifier when billing for the codes on the attached.
- The CR modifier should be billed as the last modifier on the claim if billed with a pricing/standard modifier such as RR as the first modifier on the claim.
- The CR modifier should also be billed if the DME equipment was ordered by non-physicians including a Physician Assistant or CRNP.

Thank you for your partnership and care of our Members and Participants as we work together through this challenging health situation. If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Account Executive.

Sincerely,



Denise Ameye
Director Provider Network Management

Attachment Included

| Procedure Code | Modifier | Description |
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| A4221 | | Supplies for maintenance of drug infusion catheter, per week (list drug separately) |
| A4222 | | Infusion supplies for external drug infusion pump, per cassette or bag (list drugs separately) |
| A4224 | | Supplies for maintenance of insulin infusion catheter, per week (includes all supplies for the week in order to maintain catheter) |
| A4225 | | Supplies for external insulin infusion pump, syringe type cartridge, sterile, each |
| A4250 | | Urine test or reagent strips or tablets (100 tablets or strips) |
| A4253 | | Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor, per 50 strips |
| A4310 | | Insertion tray without drainage bag and without catheter (accessories only) |
| A4311 | | Insertion tray without drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way latex with coating (Teflon, silicone, |
| A4312 | | Insertion tray without drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way, all silicone |
| A4313 | | Insertion tray without drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, three-way, for continuous irrigation |
| A4314 | | Insertion tray with drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way latex with coating (Teflon, silicone, sil |
| A4315 | | Insertion tray with drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way, all silicone |
| A4316 | | Insertion tray with drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, three-way, for continuous irrigation |
| A4320 | | Irrigation tray with bulb or piston syringe, any purpose |
| A4322 | | Irrigation syringe, bulb or piston, each |
| A4326 | | Male external catheter specialty type with integral collection chamber, each |
| A4327 | | Female external urinary collection device; meatal cup, each |
| A4328 | | Female external urinary collection device; pouch, each |
| A4330 | | Perianal fecal collection pouch with adhesive, each |
| A4331 | | Extension drainage tubing, any type, any length, with connector/adaptor, for use with urinary leg bag or urostomy pouch, |
| A4332 | | Lubricant, individual sterile packet, each |
| A4333 | | Urinary catheter anchoring device, adhesive skin attachment, each |
| A4334 | | Urinary catheter anchoring device, leg strap, each |
| A4335 | | Incontinence supply; miscellaneous |
| A4338 | | Indwelling catheter; Foley type, two-way latex with coating (Teflon, silicone, silicone elastomer, or hydrophilic, etc.) |
| A4340 | | Indwelling catheter; specialty type, (e.g., coude, mushroom, wing, etc.), each |
| A4344 | | Indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way, all silicone, each |
| A4346 | | Indwelling catheter; Foley type, three way for continuous irrigation, each |
| A4349 | | Male external catheter, with or without adhesive, disposable, each |
| A4351 | | Intermittent urinary catheter; straight tip, with or without coating (Teflon, silicone, silicone elastomer, or hydrophil |
| A4352 | | Intermittent urinary catheter; coude (curved) tip, with or without coating (Teflon, silicone, silicone elastomeric, or h |

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| A4353 | | Intermittent urinary catheter, with insertion supplies |
| A4354 | | Insertion tray with drainage bag but without catheter |
| A4355 | | Irrigation tubing set for continuous bladder irrigation through a three-way indwelling Foley catheter, each |
| A4356 | | External urethral clamp or compression device (not to be used for catheter clamp), each |
| A4357 | | Bedside drainage bag, day or night, with or without anti-reflux device, with or without tube, each |
| A4358 | | Urinary drainage bag, leg or abdomen, vinyl, with or without tube, with straps, each |
| A4361 | | Ostomy faceplate, each |
| A4362 | | Skin barrier; solid, four by four or equivalent; each |
| A4363 | | Ostomy clamp, any type, replacement only, each |
| A4364 | | Adhesive, liquid or equal, any type, per oz |
| A4365 | | Adhesive remover wipes, any type, per 50 |
| A4366 | | Ostomy vent, any type, each |
| A4367 | | Ostomy belt, each |
| A4368 | | Ostomy filter, any type, each |
| A4369 | | Ostomy skin barrier, liquid (spray, brush, etc), per oz |
| A4371 | | Ostomy skin barrier, powder, per oz |
| A4372 | | Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4x4 or equivalent, standard wear, with built-in convexity, each |
| A4373 | | Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordian), with built-in convexity, any size, each |
| A4375 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, plastic, each |
| A4376 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, rubber, each |
| A4377 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, plastic, each |
| A4378 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, rubber, each |
| A4379 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, plastic, each |
| A4380 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, rubber, each |
| A4381 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, plastic, each |
| A4382 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, heavy plastic, each |
| A4383 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, rubber, each |
| A4384 | | Ostomy faceplate equivalent, silicone ring, each |
| A4385 | | Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4x4 or equivalent, extended wear, without built-in convexity, each |
| A4387 | | Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each |
| A4388 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, (1 piece), each |
| A4389 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each |
| A4390 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each |
| A4391 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached (1 piece), each |
| A4392 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with standard wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each |
| A4393 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity, (1 piece), each |
| A4394 | | Ostomy deodorant for use in ostomy pouch, liquid, per fluid ounce |
| A4395 | | Ostomy deodorant for use in ostomy pouch, solid, per tablet |

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| A4396 | | Ostomy belt with peristomal hernia support |
| A4397 | | Irrigation supply; sleeve, each |
| A4398 | | Ostomy irrigation supply; bag, each |
| A4399 | | Ostomy irrigation supply; cone/catheter, including brush |
| A4400 | | Ostomy irrigation set |
| A4402 | | Lubricant, per ounce |
| A4404 | | Ostomy ring, each |
| A4405 | | Ostomy skin barrier, non-pectin based, paste, per ounce |
| A4406 | | Ostomy skin barrier, pectin-based, paste, per ounce |
| A4407 | | Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches o |
| A4408 | | Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, larger than 4 x |
| A4409 | | Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches |
| A4410 | | Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, larger than |
| A4411 | | Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4x4 or equivalent, extended wear, with built-in convexity, each |
| A4412 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2 piece system), without filter, each |
| A4413 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2 piece system), with filter, each |
| A4414 | | Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, ea |
| A4415 | | Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, larger than 4x4 inches, eac |
| A4416 | | Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each |
| A4417 | | Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with filter (1 piece), each |
| A4418 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each |
| A4419 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each |
| A4420 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each |
| A4421 | | Ostomy supply; miscellaneous |
| A4422 | | Ostomy absorbent material (sheet/pad/crystal packet) for use in ostomy pouch to thicken liquid stomal output, each |
| A4423 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each |
| A4424 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each |
| A4425 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2 piece system), each |
| A4426 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece system), each |
| A4427 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2 piece system), each |
| A4428 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each |
| A4429 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each |
| A4430 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 |
| A4431 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each |
| A4432 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each |
| A4433 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each |
| A4434 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2 piece), each |
| A4435 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, with extended wear barrier (one-piece system), with or without filter |

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| A4605 | | Tracheal suction catheter, closed system, each |
| A4606 | | Oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, replacement |
| A4611 | | Battery, heavy duty; replacement for patient owned ventilator |
| A4612 | | Battery cables; replacement for patient-owned ventilator |
| A4613 | | Battery charger; replacement for patient-owned ventilator |
| A4614 | | Peak expiratory flow rate meter, hand held |
| A4615 | | Cannula, nasal |
| A4616 | | Tubing (oxygen), per foot |
| A4617 | | Mouth piece |
| A4618 | | Breathing circuits |
| A4619 | | Face tent |
| A4620 | | Variable concentration mask |
| A4623 | | Tracheostomy, inner cannula |
| A4624 | | Tracheal suction catheter, any type other than closed system, each |
| A4625 | | Tracheostomy care kit for new tracheostomy |
| A4627 | | Spacer, bag or reservoir, with or without mask, for use with metered dose inhaler |
| A4628 | | Oropharyngeal suction catheter, each |
| A4629 | | Tracheostomy care kit for established tracheostomy |
| A5051 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; with barrier attached (1 piece), each |
| A5052 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached (1 piece), each |
| A5053 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on faceplate, each |
| A5054 | | Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each |
| A5055 | | Stoma cap |
| A5056 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with filter, (1 piece), each |
| A5057 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built in convexity, with filter, (1 piece), each |
| A5061 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable; with barrier attached, (1 piece), each |
| A5062 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable; without barrier attached (1 piece), each |
| A5063 | | Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece system), each |
| A5071 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached (1 piece), each |
| A5072 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary; without barrier attached (1 piece), each |
| A5073 | | Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each |
| A5081 | | Continent device; plug for continent stoma |
| A5082 | | Continent device; catheter for continent stoma |
| A5083 | | Continent device, stoma absorptive cover for continent stoma |
| A5093 | | Ostomy accessory; convex insert |
| A6203 | | Composite dressing, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, with any size adhesive border, each dressing |
| A6204 | | Composite dressing, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., with any size adhesive border, e |
| A6212 | | Foam dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less with any size adhesive border, each dressing |

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| A6234 | | Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing |
| A6235 | | Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., without adhesive |
| A6236 | | Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 48 sq. in., without adhesive border, each dressing |
| A6257 | | Transparent film, 16 sq. in. or less, each dressing |
| A6258 | | Transparent film, more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., each dressing |
| A6259 | | Transparent film, more than 48 sq. in., each dressing |
| A7000 | | Canister, disposable, used with suction pump, each |
| A7001 | | Canister, non-disposable, used with suction pump, each |
| A7002 | | Tubing, used with suction pump, each |
| A7010 | | Corrugated tubing, disposable, used with large volume nebulizer, 100 feet |
| A7027 | | Combination oral/nasal mask, used with continuous positive airway pressure device, each |
| A7030* | | Full face mask used with positive airway pressure device, each |
| A7031 | | Face mask interface, replacement for full face mask, each |
| A7034 | | Nasal interface (mask or cannula type) used with positive airway pressure device, with or without head strap |
| A7035 | | Headgear used with positive airway pressure device |
| A7036 | | Chinstrap used with positive airway pressure device |
| A7037 | | Tubing used with positive airway pressure device |
| A7038 | | Filter, disposable, used with positive airway pressure device |
| A7039 | | Filter, non disposable, used with positive airway pressure device |
| A7044 | | Oral interface used with positive airway pressure device, each |
| A7046 | | Water chamber for humidifier, used with positive airway pressure device, replacement, each |
| A7501 | | Tracheostoma valve, including diaphragm, each |
| A7502 | | Replacement diaphragm/faceplate for tracheostoma valve, each |
| A7503 | | Filter holder or filter cap, reusable, for use in a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system, each |
| A7505 | | Housing, reusable without adhesive, for use in a heat and moisture exchange system and/or with a tracheostoma valve, each |
| A7506 | | Adhesive disc for use in a heat and moisture exchange system and/or with tracheostoma valve, any type each |
| A7507 | | Filter holder and integrated filter without adhesive, for use in a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system, each |
| A7508 | | Housing and integrated adhesive, for use in a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system and/or with a tracheostoma valve, any type each |
| A7509 | | Filter holder and integrated filter housing, and adhesive, for use as a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system, each |
| A7520 | | Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, non-cuffed, polyvinylchloride (PVC), silicone or equal, each |
| A7521 | | Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, cuffed, polyvinylchloride (PVC), silicone or equal, each |
| A7522 | | Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, stainless steel or equal (sterilizable and reusable), each |
| A7524 | | Tracheostoma stent/stud/button, each |
| A7525 | | Tracheostomy mask, each |
| A7526 | | Tracheostomy tube collar/holder, each |
| A7527 | | Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube plug/stop, each |
| B4034 | | Enteral feeding supply kit; syringe, per day |
| B4035 | | Enteral feeding supply kit; pump fed, per day |

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| B4036 | | Enteral feeding supply kit; gravity fed, per day |
| B4081 | | Nasogastric tubing with stylet |
| B4082 | | Nasogastric tubing without stylet |
| B4087 | | Gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube, standard, any material, any type, each |
| B4088 | | Gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube, low-profile, any material, any type, each. (mic key tube/skin level only) |
| B4102 | | Enteral formula, for adults, used to replace fluids and electrolytes (e.g. clear liquids), 500 ml = 1 unit |
| B4103 | | Enteral formula, for pediatrics, used to replace fluids and electrolytes (e.g. clear liquids), 500 ml = 1 unit |
| B4150 | | Enteral formula, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and mine |
| B4152 | | Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, calorically dense (equal to or greater than 1.5 kcal/ml) with intact nutrients, |
| B4153 | | Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, hydrolyzed proteins (amino acids and peptide chain), includes fats, carbohydrat |
| B4154 | | Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs, excludes inherited disease of metabolism, includes |
| B4155 | | Enteral formula, nutritionally incomplete/modular nutrients, includes specific nutrients, carbohydrates (e.g. glucose po |
| B4157 | | Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes prote |
| B4158 | | Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, v |
| B4159 | | Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete soy based with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carboh |
| B4160 | | Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete calorically dense (equal to or greater than 0.7 kcal/ml) with in |
| B4161 | | Enteral formula, for pediatrics, hydrolyzed/amino acids and peptide chain proteins, includes fats, carbohydrates, vitam |
| B4162 | | Enteral formula, for pediatrics, special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, c |
| B9002 | | Enteral nutrition infusion pump |
| E0431 | | Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, |
| E0433 | | Portable liquid oxygen system, liquid oxygen system,liquid oxygen containers. Regulator, flowmeter,humidifier,cannula or mask and tubig,with or without supply reservoir |
| E0434 | | Portable liquid oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, supply reservoir, humidifier, flowmeter, refill adap |
| E0435 | | Portable liquid oxygen system, purchase includes portable container |
| E0439 | RR | Stationary liquid oxygen system, rental includes container and contents |
| E0441 | | Oxygen contents gaseous for use with owned gaseous stationary system |
| E0442 | | Oxygen contents, liquid (for use with owned liquid stationary systems or when both a stationary and portable liquid s |
| E0443 | | Portable oxygen contents, gaseous for use only with portable owned system |
| E0444 | | Portable oxygen contentskliquid(for use only with portable liquid system |
| E0465 | RR | Home ventilator, any type used with invasive interface, (e.g. tracheostomy tube) |
| E0466 | RR | Home ventilator, any type used with non-invasive interface, (e.g. mask, chest shell) |
| E0470 | RR | Respiratory assist device,bi-level pressure capability,without back up |
| E0471 | RR | Respiratory assist device,bi-level pressure capability,with back up |
| E0472 | RR | Respiratory assist device bilevel pressure cappability with back up invasive |
| E0561 | | Humidifer,non-heated used with positive airway pressure device |
| E0562** | RR | Humidifier,heated used with positive airway pressure device |
| E0565** | RR | Compressor,air power source for equipment which is not self-containe |
| E0601 | RR | Contiuous airway pressure (CPAP) device |

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| E0791 | | Parenteral infusion pump, stationary, single or multi-channel |
| E1353 | | Regulator |
| E1390 | RR | Oxygen concentrator, single delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the presc |
| E1391 | RR | Oxygen concentrator,dual delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the presc |
| E1392 | RR | Portable oxygen concentrator, rental |
| K0455 | RR | Infusion pump used for uninterrupted parenteral administration of medication, (e.g., epoprostenol or treprostinil)</P |
| K0601 | | Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, silver oxide, 1.5 volt, each |
| K0602 | | Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, silver oxide, 3 volt, each |
| K0603 | | Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, alkaline, 1.5 volt, each |
| K0604 | | Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, lithium, 3.6 volt, each |
| K0605 | | Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, lithium, 4.5 volt, each |
| *Prior Authorization waiver for 1 mask during the Emergency Period | | |
| ** Prior Authorization waiver for the first 3 months only | | |