MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE
June 28, 2023

Durable Medical Equipment and Nursing Facility Providers

Effective Immediately

Wheelchair and Bariatric Equipment Coverage for Nursing Facility Residents

Montana Medicaid has updated the policy for coverage of select durable medical equipment (DME) for Medicaid covered nursing facility residents.

Wheelchairs in Nursing Facilities

Standard wheelchairs (K0001) are included in the nursing facility per diem and are not covered under the Montana Medicaid DME program for nursing facility residents. All other wheelchairs (including tilt-in-space) will be considered for purchase. Wheelchair coverage is dependent on the member meeting the applicable coverage criteria outlined in the Region D Supplier Manual, local coverage determinations (LCDs) and/or national coverage determinations (NCDs). All wheelchairs purchased are considered owned by the members.

Bariatric Equipment

Durable medical equipment specific to bariatric members are beyond the standard equipment offered by nursing facilities and can be considered for coverage. Members must meet the definition of being bariatric specific to the requested equipment. Coverage is dependent on the member meeting the applicable coverage criteria outlined in the Region D Supplier Manual, local coverage determinations (LCDs) and/or national coverage determinations (NCDs). All bariatric equipment purchased are considered owned by the member.

For equipment that requires prior authorization, DME providers must submit a prior authorization request to Mountain-Pacific Quality Health through the Qualitrac Portal.

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact Maggie Irby, the DME Program Officer, at (406) 444-4518 or email Margaret.Irby@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk.

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