Louisiana Department of Health Informational Bulletin



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: September 10, 2021 (revised)

Subject: Informational Bulletin 21-17: DME Supplies Have Been Added to the List of Services that are Extended Through October 31, 2021 for the Impacted Parishes.

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The policy changes included in this bulletin are effective August 27, 2021 and shall only be applicable for the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

All existing prior authorizations for the services listed below should be extended through **October 31, 2021** (updates italicized):

- Any necessary medical and surgical procedures
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST)
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) supplies related to incontinence, diabetes, tracheostomy care, wound care, home dialysis, parenteral and enteral nutrition, apnea/breathing monitors and other respiratory supplies, home oxygen, electric breast pumps, pulse oximeter probes and tape, and intravenous therapy. (See <u>Appendix</u>)
- EPSDT personal care services (PCS)
- Functional Family Therapy Child Welfare (FFT-CW)
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Home Health Services (EHH)
- Homebuilders

- Hospice Services
- Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)
- Pediatric Day Health Care
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Pharmacy (for non- controlled, non-specialty drugs)
- Psychiatric Outpatient by Licensed Mental Health Professionals (LMHPs)
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)
- Substance Use Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient
- Therapies (PT/OT/SLT)

Please review <u>IB 21-17</u> (revised 9/10/21) to review the Appendix for DME HCPCS codes under this extension.

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