

# **Durable Medical Equipment**

### **Policy**

Oscar reimburses for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) subject to coverage, medical necessity, and policy restrictions. Durable Medical Equipment must be able to withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose rather than being primarily for comfort or convenience, generally not useful to someone who isn't sick or injured, appropriate for use within the home or otherwise outside a medical facility or may be necessary for use at other locations or in the community to allow basic activities of daily living, and prescribed by a licensed physician or practitioner.

#### **Reimbursement Guidelines**

#### **Rental DME**

Oscar will reimburse rental DME until the total purchase price has been paid or 10 months of rental payments, whichever comes first. After the cap has been reached, the equipment is considered purchased.

Exceptions to the Rental DME policy include:

- Oxygen equipment and DME defined as 'frequently serviced' by CMS is exempt from the cap.
- DME defined as 'Capped Rentals' by CMS will be reimbursed up to 10 months of rental payments, at which point the equipment is considered purchased

#### Coding

Categories identified above include, but are not limited to, the below codes.

Modifier	Description
NU	New Equipment
RR	Rental Equipment
UE	Used Equipment

## **Publication History**

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7/25/2021	Original Documentation
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