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114.3 CMR 22.00: Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen, and Respiratory Therapy Equipment

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Reclassification of Certain Durable Medical Equipment from the Inexpensive and Routinely Purchased Category to the Capped Rental Payment Category for Dually Eligible Medicare and MassHealth Beneficiaries

Under the authority of Regulation 114.3 CMR 22.01(5), the Executive Office of Health and Human Services is issuing this Administrative Bulletin to implement changes based on instructions provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services through Change Request 8822. These changes involve the reclassification of certain durable medical equipment from the inexpensive and routinely purchased payment category to the capped rental payment category for dually eligible Medicare and MassHealth beneficiaries. EOHHS is implementing these changes by crosswalking the new capped rental codes (with KH, KI, and KJ modifiers) to existing rental codes (with RR modifier) for affected services provided on or after July 1, 2016. For these reclassified codes, rates remain unchanged as described in 114.3 CMR 22.01(5)(a).

When billing for dually eligible Medicare and MassHealth beneficiaries only, providers billing the following equipment codes must use modifier KH for the first month of the rental, modifier KI for the second and third months, and modifier KJ for months four through 13, instead of using modifier RR throughout the rental period. When billing for MassHealth members who are not Medicare beneficiaries, providers must continue using modifier RR for these codes. When billing the following codes for new and used equipment purchases, providers must continue using the NU (new) and UE (used) modifiers for all MassHealth members, regardless of whether they are eligible for Medicare.

Old Code and Modifier	Old Rate	Crosswalk	Description	New Rate
E0140RR	\$27.75	E0140KH, KI, KJ	Walker with trunk support, adjustable or fixed height, any type (capped rental)	\$27.75
E0149RR	\$17.17	E0149KH, KI, KJ	Walker, heavy duty, wheeled, rigid or folding, any type (capped rental)	\$17.17

Old Code and Modifier	Old Rate	Crosswalk	Description	New Rate
E0197RR	\$23.20	E0197KH, KI, KJ	Air pressure pad for mattress, standard mattress length and width (capped rental)	\$23.20
E0955RR	\$18.31	E0955KH, KI, KJ	Wheelchair accessory, headrest, cushioned, any type, including fixed mounting hardware, each (capped rental)	\$18.31
E0985RR	\$21.32	E0985KH, KI, KJ	Wheelchair accessory, seat lift mechanism (capped rental)	\$21.32
E1020RR	\$22.01	E1020KH, KI, KJ	Residual limb support system for wheelchair, any type (capped rental)	\$22.01
E1028RR	\$18.69	E1028KH, KI, KJ	Wheelchair accessory, manual swingaway, retractable, or removable mounting hardware (capped rental)	\$18.69
E2228RR	\$98.30	E2228KH, KI KJ	Manual wheelchair accessory, wheel braking system and lock, complete, each (capped rental)	\$98.30
E2368RR	\$46.76	E2368KH, KI, KJ	Power wheelchair component, drive wheel motor, replacement only (capped rental)	\$46.76
E2369RR	\$40.73	E2369 KH, KI, KJ	Power wheelchair component, drive wheel gear box, replacement only (capped rental)	\$40.73
E2370RR	\$72.66	E2370KH, KI, KJ	Power wheelchair component, integrated drive wheel motor and gear box combination, replacement only (capped rental)	\$72.66
E2375RR	\$77.51	Е2375КН, КІ, КЈ	Power wheelchair accessory, non- expandable controller, including all related electronics and mounting hardware, replacement only (capped rental)	\$77.51
K0015RR	\$16.45	K0015KH, KI, KJ	Detachable, non-adjustable height armrest, each (capped rental)	\$16.45
K0070RR	\$19.25	K0070KH, KI, KJ	Rear wheel assembly, complete, with pneumatic tire, spokes or molded, each (capped rental)	\$19.25