

MEDICAID TO SCHOOLS

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FACT SHEET

Overview

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide an overview of the language in various manuals available and relevant to Medicaid to Schools (MTS) in regards to durable medical equipment (DME). These billing manuals overall have a limited discussion on supplies, equipment, DME, and DME providers. This fact sheet is not intended to provide schools with specific billing guidance but rather a summary of existing information around DME.

New Hampshire Medicaid To Schools Rule

(with page numbers for easy reference from the [NH Medicaid to Schools Technical Assistance Guide](#) (MTS TAG))

- **“Durable medical equipment (DME)” means a type of item pursuant to He-W 571 that is:**
 - (1) non-disposable and able to withstand repeated use
 - (2) primarily used to serve a medical purpose for the treatment of an acute or chronic medically diagnosed health condition, illness, or injury
 - (3) not useful to an individual in the absence of an acute or chronic medically diagnosed health condition, illness, or injury.
He-W 589.02(f) [MTS TAG Page 7]
- **Supplies and Equipment Summary**
 - Covered supplies and equipment must:
 - Be acquired for the use of a specific student
 - When purchased, become the student’s/their family’s property
 - When rented or acquired through an equipment exchange program, become the student’s/their family’s property for that time frame *He-W 589.04(d) [MTS TAG Page 23]*
- **DME equipment must be provided by a qualified DME provider (requirements of He-W 571)**
 - He-W 571 describes DME, Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices, and Medical Supplies
 - AAC (augmentative + alternative communication) devices/aids must also be provided by a qualified DME provider (*He-W 575) He-W 589.04(e)-(f) [MTS TAG Page 23]*
- **Nursing Services**
 - Medically necessary nursing services include supplies and equipment necessary to cover nursing services as determined by the RN, LPN, or APRN.
 - “Supplies and equipment” is one of the three billable categories of nursing services
 - Includes specialized med. Equipment such as:
 - Colostomy bags
 - Nasogastric tubes
 - Tracheostomy tubes
 - Related medical devices
He-W 589.04(i-k) [MTS TAG Pages 20, 26]
- **Occupational Therapy Services**
 - Supplies and equipment necessary to provide the covered occupational therapy services as recommended by an occupational therapist
He-W 589.04(n) [MTS TAG Page 20, 30]
- **Physical Therapy Services**
 - MTS covers supplies and equipment, determined by a physical therapist to be medically necessary and appropriate for a student’s PT
He-W 589.04(s) [MTS TAG Page 20, 33]



- **Rehabilitation Assistance**
 - Includes:
 - Assistance with AAC devices and other such devices that ameliorate communication limitations
 - Assistance with adaptive or assistive devices when linked to the student’s medical condition
 - Assistance with the use of DME when linked to the student’s medical condition
He-W 589.04(af) [MTS TAG Page 41]
- **Speech, Language, and Hearing Services**
 - Covered by MTS if they are “services, supplies, or equipment ordered by a licensed audiologist or licensed speech-language pathologist to be ‘medically necessary for the evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment of speech, language, and hearing disorders which result in communication disabilities.’”
He-W 589.04(ak)-(am) [MTS TAG Page 49]
 - “Supplies and equipment necessary for the provision of covered speech language and hearing services” is one of four billable categories under the umbrella of Speech, Language, and Hearing Services
He-W 589.04(an) [MTS TAG Page 49]
- **Vision Services**
 - No specific guidance.
He-W 589.04(ao) [MTS TAG Page 52]



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- Medicaid covered services in the school setting are outlined below, details outlined in *He-W 589.04 [Page 6]*
 - 3.1.1 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT (one of many categories)
- The Manual contains the same DME definition provided in the Medicaid to Schools Rule *He-W 589.02(f)*
- There is no further guidance of supplies/equipment/DME in this manual.

NH General Billing Provider Manual Volume I

- Lists “durable medical equipment” broadly and generally in “some of the specific medical services covered by Medicaid NH include...”
 - Under “Covered Services: Service Limits and Co-Payments,”
Section 5.0 [Page 18]
- Lists “Durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers” under the CMS-1500 Claim Form,
 - “The CMS-1500 Claim Form must be used when billing professional services. The following are examples of provider types that must bill services on the CMS-1500 Claim Form”
Section 16.11 [Page 51]
- Lists “The medical justification for the service(s) or equipment being requested” in response to “Requests for service authorization must include all of the following:”
Section 8.1, on Service Authorization [Page 23]
- Medicaid Surveillance and Utilization Review (SURS) program will ensure regulations are being followed in reimbursement procedures and claims for care, services, and supplies provided
Section 9.0 Medicaid Surveillance and Utilization Review (SURS) [Page 26]