

Medicaid Coverage of Breast Pumps - March 2016

Medical Need (aka Hospital Grade) Rental Pumps

A Medical Need (Hospital Grade) Rental Pump is designed to initiate and maintain a milk supply when a baby is not feeding well. It is the pump of choice for a mother and infant who are having problems breastfeeding. In 2010, a physician committee helped Nebraska Medicaid establish medical need criteria for a rental pump. For a physician order template, please contact MilkWorks at (402) 423-6402, ext. 102.

HHS Medical Need Guidelines for a Rental Pump

Short Term Rental (up to 2 months):

- Infant with abnormal weight loss
- Hyperbilirubinemia
- Inadequate milk supply
- Mastitis
- Acutely ill infant
- Infant food allergy
- Maternal medical condition
- Maternal postpartum complications

Long Term Rental (6-12 months)

- Congenital abnormality of infant
- Neurologic abnormality of infant
- Prematurity (<37 weeks gestation)
- Latch difficulties

Symphony
Rental Pump



Personal Use Pumps (PUP)

A Personal Use Pump (PUP) is designed for mothers who are breastfeeding without problems and require a pump for return to work or convenience. MilkWorks provides the **Medela Pump In Style Advanced** PUP because it is an effective pump for most mothers. This pump may be available during pregnancy, depending upon the Medicaid plan.



Medela PNS
Advanced

What breast pumps are Nebraska Medicaid plans currently covering?

Aetna Better Health:

- PUP – one per pregnancy; may be obtained 36 weeks gestation to 3 months after delivery.
- Rental – per medical need; insurance authorization must be obtained at time of rental.

Arbor Health:

- PUP - one per lifetime; may be obtained after birth.
- Rental – available per HHS Medical Need Guidelines.

HHS Medicaid:

- PUP – not available.
- Rental – available per HHS Medical Need for short or long term rental depending upon diagnosis.

United Health Care Community Plan:

- PUP - one per pregnancy; may be obtained late pregnancy or after delivery.
- Rental – available per HHS Medical Need Guidelines.

Criteria for Physicians Ordering a Breast Pump

Medicaid requires a physician signature on all DME orders.

If a mother (or baby) has a **medical need for a breast pump** (see HHS Medical Need Guidelines) – a physician may write an order for a **Medical Need (Hospital Grade) Rental Pump**.

- Please specify the diagnosis and the corresponding length of rental on the order.
- If a mother (or baby) has Aetna Better Health, we may need to request additional information regarding need.

If there is no medical need, a physician may write an order for a **Personal Use Pump (PUP)**. The only exception is HHS Medicaid, which does NOT cover a Personal Use Pump.

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