

Medicaid Coverage of Breast Pumps - March 2017

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 the following Medical Need Guidelines for a rental pump. For a physician order template, please contact MilkWorks at (402) 423-6402.

Nebraska DHHS 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 minor problem solving or for mothers who require a pump for returning to work or school. MilkWorks provides a choice of either the Medela Pump In Style Advanced or the Spectra S2. Both PUPs are proven effective for most breastfeeding mothers and may be obtained during pregnancy or after delivery.



Medela PNS Advanced



Spectra S2

What breast pumps are Nebraska Medicaid health plans currently covering?

WellCare of Nebraska

PUP: One per pregnancy; 30 days prior to birth or after delivery.

Medical Need Rental: Available per DHHS Medical Need Guidelines.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

PUP: One per pregnancy; 30 days prior to birth or after delivery.

Medical Need Rental: Available per DHHS Medical Need Guidelines.

Nebraska Total Care

PUP: One per pregnancy; 30 days prior to birth or after delivery.

Medical Need Rental: Available per DHHS Medical Need Guidelines.

Nebraska DHHS Medicaid

PUP: Not available.

Medical Need Rental: Available per DHHS 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 DHHS 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 there is no Medical Need, a physician may write an order for a Personal Use Pump (PUP).

For more information, please contact Dannie Elwood, Business Manager, at (402) 423-6402, extension 102.