

# Medicaid Coverage of Breast Pumps - April 2019

## Medical Need (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 [call \(402\) 423-6402](tel:4024236402) or visit [www.milkworks.org](http://www.milkworks.org).

### Nebraska DHHS Medical Need Guidelines for a Rental Pump

#### Short Term Rental (up to 2 months):

- Infant with abnormal weight
- 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



## Personal Use Pumps

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 either the Medela Pump in Style Advanced Starter Set or the Spectra S2 Plus. Both PUPs are effective for most breastfeeding mothers and may be obtained during pregnancy or after delivery.



Medela Pump in Style



Spectra S2 Plus

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## Nebraska Medicaid Guidelines for Breast Pumps

WellCare of Nebraska \* United Healthcare Community Plan \* Nebraska Total Care

**Personal Use Pump:** One per pregnancy; 30 days prior to birth or after delivery.

**Medical Need Rental Pump:** Available per DHHS Medical Need Guidelines (see above).

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### 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 hospital grade rental 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 Amy at MilkWorks at (402) 423-6402 Ext 111.