

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

2024 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option

Section 5. Benefits

Section 5(a). Medical Services and Supplies Provided by Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Note: For Standard Option, we state whether or not the calendar year deductible applies for each benefit listed in this Section. There is no calendar year deductible under Basic Option.

Benefit Description

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Durable medical equipment (DME) is equipment and supplies that are:

1. Prescribed by your attending physician (i.e., the physician who is treating your illness or injury);
2. Medically necessary;
3. Primarily and customarily used only for a medical purpose;
4. Generally useful only to a person with an illness or injury;
5. Designed for prolonged use; and
6. Used to serve a specific therapeutic purpose in the treatment of an illness or injury.

We cover rental or purchase of durable medical equipment, at our option, including repair and adjustment. Covered items include:

- Home dialysis equipment
- Oxygen equipment
- Hospital beds

- Wheelchairs
- Crutches
- Walkers
- Continuous passive motion (CPM) devices
- Dynamic orthotic cranioplasty (DOC) devices
- Insulin pumps
- Other items that we determine to be DME, such as compression stockings

Note: We cover DME at Preferred benefit levels only when you use a Preferred DME provider. Preferred physicians, facilities, and pharmacies are not necessarily Preferred DME providers.

Standard Option - You Pay

Preferred: 15% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies), plus any difference between our allowance and the billed amount

Basic Option - You Pay

Preferred: 30% of the Plan allowance

Participating/Non-participating: You pay all charges

Benefit Description

- Speech-generating devices, limited to \$1,250 per calendar year

Standard Option - You Pay

Any amount over \$1,250 per year (no deductible)

Basic Option - You Pay

Any amount over \$1,250 per year

Benefit Description

Not covered:

- *Exercise and bathroom equipment*
- *Vehicle modifications, replacements, or upgrades*
- *Home modifications, upgrades, or additions*
- *Lifts, such as seat, chair, or van lifts*
- *Car seats*
- *Diabetic supplies, except as described in Section 5(f) or when Medicare Part B is primary*
- *Air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, and purifiers*
- *Breast pumps, except as previously described*
- *Communications equipment, devices, and aids (including computer equipment) such as “story boards” or other communication aids to assist communication-impaired individuals (except for speech-generating devices as listed above)*
- *Equipment for cosmetic purposes*
- *Topical Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (THBO)*
- *Charges associated with separate or extended warranties*

Standard Option - You Pay

All charges

Basic Option - You Pay

All charges