

 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Health Resources Division: Durable Medical Equipment Program
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	Subject: Coverage criteria for bariatric equipment for residents of nursing facilities

Bariatric Equipment for Residents of Nursing Facilities Coverage Criteria

1. Purpose

This policy clarifies that durable medical equipment (DME) specific to bariatric members residing at nursing facilities is considered separately billable.

2. Coverage Criteria

To be eligible for coverage, members must:

- Meet the definition of bariatric for the requested equipment, and
- Meet the applicable coverage criteria outlined in:
 - The Region D Supplier Manual
 - Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)
 - National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)

3. Equipment Ownership

When bariatric DME is purchased under these coverage guidelines, the equipment is considered owned by the member.

Version History

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1	N/A	None – Original posting.