

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Medicare will typically pay for medically necessary and prescribed DME to treat a medical condition. Some examples of DME covered by Medicare include: Crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, oxygen equipment, CPAP machines, blood glucose monitors, insulin pumps, nebulizers, traction equipment, scooters, prosthetics, urinary catheters. Specific coverage and reimbursement standards can vary based on the type of device and the individual's condition. Prior authorization may also be required for certain medical devices.

How to obtain Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

DME can be obtained through Medicare if a physical therapist or home health agency is in place or if a physician puts in an order. The process depends on the insurance provider. If it is an HMO, then the physician works directly with the insurance provider due to needing authorization directly from the physician's office. Once an authorization is obtained from a home health agency or physician, a vendor that provides DME and takes your insurance must be chosen. The home health agency or physician will usually coordinate this piece. Unfortunately, this isn't always a quick process.

For no-cost, no prescription needed DME:

Camarillo Medical Supply Closet

300 Mission Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM

(805) 491-1028

medsupply@camarilloumc.org

Equipment includes wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, shower chairs, bedside commodes and other small medical equipment, bed pads, adult incontinence products and more. This equipment can be borrowed or kept. They also accept supply donations.

Hospice of the Conejo

805-495-2145

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Hospice of the Conejo's *Lending Closet* has medical supplies like walkers, shower chairs, wheelchairs and commodes, which are loaned to those in need completely free of charge (upon availability). They accept donations as well.