

T2028, T2029 – Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies

Covered Service

Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies (also known as assistive technology) is an item or set of items that enable the individual to increase their ability to perform activities of daily living with a greater degree of independence than without them; to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which they live. These are items that are not available through other Medicaid coverage or through other insurances. These items must be specified in the individual plan of service. All items must be ordered by a physician on a prescription. An order is valid for one year from the date it was signed.

Coverage includes:

- Adaptations to vehicles
- Items necessary for independent living (e.g., Lifeline, sensory integration equipment)
- Communication devices
- Special personal care items that accommodate the person’s disability (e.g., reachers, full-spectrum lamp)
- Prostheses necessary to ameliorate negative visual impact of serious facial disfigurements and/or skin conditions
- Ancillary supplies and equipment necessary for proper functioning of assistive technology items
- Repairs to covered assistive technology that are not covered benefits through other insurances

Assessments by an appropriate health care professional, specialized training needed in conjunction with the use of the equipment and warranted upkeep will be considered as part of the cost of the services.

Coverage excludes:

- Furnishings (e.g., furniture, appliances, bedding) and other non-custom items (e.g., wall and floor coverings, decorative items) that are routinely found in a home.
- Items that are considered family recreational choices.
- The purchase or lease of a vehicle, and any repairs or routine maintenance to the vehicle.
- Educational supplies required to be provided by the school as specified in the child’s Individualized Education Plan.

Covered items must meet applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation. There must be documentation that the best value in warranty coverage was obtained for the item at the time of purchase.

In order to cover repairs of assistive technology items, there must be documentation in the individual plan of services that the assistive technology continues to meet the criteria for B3 supports and service. All applicable warranty and insurance coverages must be sought and denied before paying for repairs. The PIHP must document that the repair is the most cost-effective solution when compared with replacement or purchase of a new item. If the equipment requires repairs due to misuse or abuse, the PIHP must provide evidence of training in the use of the equipment to prevent future incidents.

Current Procedure Code

T2028 - Specialized Supply
T2029 - Specialized Medical Equipment

Unit Type- [Day, Encounter, Etc.]

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Eligibility Criteria and Service Priorities:

Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies are available to Medicaid beneficiaries with a serious emotional disturbance, serious mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disability through the §1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) for home and community-based services in accordance with §1915(i)(7) of the Social Security Act. The intent of the §1915(i) SPA is to fund medically necessary supports and services that promote community inclusion and participation, independence, and/or productivity when identified in the individual plan of service as one or more goals developed during person-centered planning. The authorization and use of Medicaid funds for any of the §1915(i) SPA supports and services, as well as their amount, scope and duration, are dependent upon:

- The Medicaid beneficiary’s eligibility for specialty services and supports as defined in the Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability Supports and Services Chapter of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual
- The service(s) having been identified during person-centered planning;
- The service(s) being medically necessary
- The service(s) being expected to achieve one or more of the following goals as identified in the beneficiary’s plan of service:
 - Community Inclusion and Participation
 - Independence
 - Productivity

Associated Outcomes:

One or more of the following as identified in the beneficiary’s plan of service:

1. Community Inclusion and Participation - The individual uses community services and participates in community activities in the same manner as the typical community citizen.
2. Independence - "Freedom from another’s influence, control and determination." (Webster’s New World College Dictionary, 1996). The individual defines the extent of such freedom for him/herself during person-centered planning.
3. Productivity - Engaged in activities that result in or lead to maintenance of or increased self-sufficiency. Those activities are typically going to school and work. The operational definition of productivity for an individual may be influenced by age-appropriateness.

Typical Service Utilization Pattern:

The person-centered planning process determines the authorization for this service

Provider Qualifications:

N/A