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Dear AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC) Provider,

To reduce the burden on providers and patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC will follow the guidelines released by the Department of Human Services regarding the authorization requirements for Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

Effective immediately AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC will not require an authorization for the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) procedure codes listed on the attachment included with this notice. This authorization policy will be in place while a valid disaster declaration authorized by the Governor for the COVID- 19 virus remains in effect.

**Important reminders:**

- Include a CR (catastrophe related) modifier when billing for the codes on the attached.
- The CR modifier should be billed as the last modifier on the claim if billed with a pricing/standard modifier such as RR as the first modifier on the claim.
- The CR modifier should also be billed if the DME equipment was ordered by non-physicians including a Physician Assistant or CRNP.

Thank you for your partnership and care of our Participants as we work together through this challenging health situation. If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Account Executive.

Sincerely,



Stephen Orndorff  
Director Provider Network Management

Attachment Included



Coverage by AmeriHealth First.

Procedure Code	Modifier	Description
A4221		Supplies for maintenance of drug infusion catheter, per week (list drug separately)
A4222		Infusion supplies for external drug infusion pump, per cassette or bag (list drugs separately)
A4224		Supplies for maintenance of insulin infusion catheter, per week (includes all supplies for the week in order to maintain catheter)
A4225		Supplies for external insulin infusion pump, syringe type cartridge, sterile, each
A4250		Urine test or reagent strips or tablets (100 tablets or strips)
A4253		Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor, per 50 strips
A4310		Insertion tray without drainage bag and without catheter (accessories only)
A4311		Insertion tray without drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way latex with coating (Teflon, silicone,
A4312		Insertion tray without drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way, all silicone
A4313		Insertion tray without drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, three-way, for continuous irrigation
A4314		Insertion tray with drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way latex with coating (Teflon, silicone, sil
A4315		Insertion tray with drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way, all silicone
A4316		Insertion tray with drainage bag with indwelling catheter, Foley type, three-way, for continuous irrigation
A4320		Irrigation tray with bulb or piston syringe, any purpose
A4322		Irrigation syringe, bulb or piston, each
A4326		Male external catheter specialty type with integral collection chamber, each
A4327		Female external urinary collection device; meatal cup, each
A4328		Female external urinary collection device; pouch, each
A4330		Perianal fecal collection pouch with adhesive, each
A4331		Extension drainage tubing, any type, any length, with connector/adaptor, for use with urinary leg bag or urostomy pouch,
A4332		Lubricant, individual sterile packet, each
A4333		Urinary catheter anchoring device, adhesive skin attachment, each
A4334		Urinary catheter anchoring device, leg strap, each
A4335		Incontinence supply; miscellaneous
A4338		Indwelling catheter; Foley type, two-way latex with coating (Teflon, silicone, silicone elastomer, or hydrophilic, etc.)
A4340		Indwelling catheter; specialty type, (e.g., coude, mushroom, wing, etc.), each
A4344		Indwelling catheter, Foley type, two-way, all silicone, each
A4346		Indwelling catheter; Foley type, three way for continuous irrigation, each
A4349		Male external catheter, with or without adhesive, disposable, each
A4351		Intermittent urinary catheter; straight tip, with or without coating (Teflon, silicone, silicone elastomer, or hydrophil

A4352		Intermittent urinary catheter; coude (curved) tip, with or without coating (Teflon, silicone, silicone elastomeric, or h
A4353		Intermittent urinary catheter, with insertion supplies
A4354		Insertion tray with drainage bag but without catheter
A4355		Irrigation tubing set for continuous bladder irrigation through a three-way indwelling Foley catheter, each
A4356		External urethral clamp or compression device (not to be used for catheter clamp), each
A4357		Bedside drainage bag, day or night, with or without anti-reflux device, with or without tube, each
A4358		Urinary drainage bag, leg or abdomen, vinyl, with or without tube, with straps, each
A4361		Ostomy faceplate, each
A4362		Skin barrier; solid, four by four or equivalent; each
A4363		Ostomy clamp, any type, replacement only, each
A4364		Adhesive, liquid or equal, any type, per oz
A4365		Adhesive remover wipes, any type, per 50
A4366		Ostomy vent, any type, each
A4367		Ostomy belt, each
A4368		Ostomy filter, any type, each
A4369		Ostomy skin barrier, liquid (spray, brush, etc), per oz
A4371		Ostomy skin barrier, powder, per oz
A4372		Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4x4 or equivalent, standard wear, with built-in convexity, each
A4373		Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordian), with built-in convexity, any size, each
A4375		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, plastic, each
A4376		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with faceplate attached, rubber, each
A4377		Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, plastic, each
A4378		Ostomy pouch, drainable, for use on faceplate, rubber, each
A4379		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, plastic, each
A4380		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with faceplate attached, rubber, each
A4381		Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, plastic, each
A4382		Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, heavy plastic, each
A4383		Ostomy pouch, urinary, for use on faceplate, rubber, each
A4384		Ostomy faceplate equivalent, silicone ring, each
A4385		Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4x4 or equivalent, extended wear, without built-in convexity, each
A4387		Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4388		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, (1 piece), each
A4389		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4390		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4391		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached (1 piece), each
A4392		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with standard wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity (1 piece), each
A4393		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity, (1 piece), each
A4394		Ostomy deodorant for use in ostomy pouch, liquid, per fluid ounce

A4395		Ostomy deodorant for use in ostomy pouch, solid, per tablet
A4396		Ostomy belt with peristomal hernia support
A4397		Irrigation supply; sleeve, each
A4398		Ostomy irrigation supply; bag, each
A4399		Ostomy irrigation supply; cone/catheter, including brush
A4400		Ostomy irrigation set
A4402		Lubricant, per ounce
A4404		Ostomy ring, each
A4405		Ostomy skin barrier, non-pectin based, paste, per ounce
A4406		Ostomy skin barrier, pectin-based, paste, per ounce
A4407		Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches o
A4408		Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, with built-in convexity, larger than 4 x
A4409		Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches
A4410		Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), extended wear, without built-in convexity, larger than
A4411		Ostomy skin barrier, solid 4x4 or equivalent, extended wear, with built-in convexity, each
A4412		Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2 piece system), without filter, each
A4413		Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2 piece system), with filter, each
A4414		Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, ea
A4415		Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible or accordion), without built-in convexity, larger than 4x4 inches, eac
A4416		Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each
A4417		Ostomy pouch, closed, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with filter (1 piece), each
A4418		Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each
A4419		Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each
A4420		Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each
A4421		Ostomy supply; miscellaneous
A4422		Ostomy absorbent material (sheet/pad/crystal packet) for use in ostomy pouch to thicken liquid stomal output, each
A4423		Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2 piece), each
A4424		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with filter (1 piece), each
A4425		Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2 piece system), each
A4426		Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece system), each
A4427		Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2 piece system), each
A4428		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4429		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4430		Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1
A4431		Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4432		Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1 piece), each
A4433		Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange (2 piece), each
A4434		Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2 piece), each

A4435		Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, with extended wear barrier (one-piece system), with or without filter
A4605		Tracheal suction catheter, closed system, each
A4606		Oxygen probe for use with oximeter device, replacement
A4611		Battery, heavy duty; replacement for patient owned ventilator
A4612		Battery cables; replacement for patient-owned ventilator
A4613		Battery charger; replacement for patient-owned ventilator
A4614		Peak expiratory flow rate meter, hand held
A4615		Cannula, nasal
A4616		Tubing (oxygen), per foot
A4617		Mouth piece
A4618		Breathing circuits
A4619		Face tent
A4620		Variable concentration mask
A4623		Tracheostomy, inner cannula
A4624		Tracheal suction catheter, any type other than closed system, each
A4625		Tracheostomy care kit for new tracheostomy
A4627		Spacer, bag or reservoir, with or without mask, for use with metered dose inhaler
A4628		Oropharyngeal suction catheter, each
A4629		Tracheostomy care kit for established tracheostomy
A5051		Ostomy pouch, closed; with barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5052		Ostomy pouch, closed; without barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5053		Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on faceplate, each
A5054		Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each
A5055		Stoma cap
A5056		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with filter, (1 piece), each
A5057		Ostomy pouch, drainable, with extended wear barrier attached, with built in convexity, with filter, (1 piece), each
A5061		Ostomy pouch, drainable; with barrier attached, (1 piece), each
A5062		Ostomy pouch, drainable; without barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5063		Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece system), each
A5071		Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5072		Ostomy pouch, urinary; without barrier attached (1 piece), each
A5073		Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with flange (2 piece), each
A5081		Continent device; plug for continent stoma
A5082		Continent device; catheter for continent stoma
A5083		Continent device, stoma absorptive cover for continent stoma
A5093		Ostomy accessory; convex insert
A6203		Composite dressing, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, with any size adhesive border, each dressing
A6204		Composite dressing, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., with any size adhesive border, e

<b>A6212</b>		Foam dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less with any size adhesive border, each dressing
<b>A6234</b>		Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing
<b>A6235</b>		Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., without adhesive
<b>A6236</b>		Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 48 sq. in., without adhesive border, each dressing
<b>A6257</b>		Transparent film, 16 sq. in. or less, each dressing
<b>A6258</b>		Transparent film, more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., each dressing
<b>A6259</b>		Transparent film, more than 48 sq. in., each dressing
<b>A7000</b>		Canister, disposable, used with suction pump, each
<b>A7001</b>		Canister, non-disposable, used with suction pump, each
<b>A7002</b>		Tubing, used with suction pump, each
<b>A7010</b>		Corrugated tubing, disposable, used with large volume nebulizer, 100 feet
<b>A7027</b>		Combination oral/nasal mask, used with continuous positive airway pressure device, each
<b>A7030*</b>		Full face mask used with positive airway pressure device, each
<b>A7031</b>		Face mask interface, replacement for full face mask, each
<b>A7034</b>		Nasal interface (mask or cannula type) used with positive airway pressure device, with or without head strap
<b>A7035</b>		Headgear used with positive airway pressure device
<b>A7036</b>		Chinstrap used with positive airway pressure device
<b>A7037</b>		Tubing used with positive airway pressure device
<b>A7038</b>		Filter, disposable, used with positive airway pressure device
<b>A7039</b>		Filter, non disposable, used with positive airway pressure device
<b>A7044</b>		Oral interface used with positive airway pressure device, each
<b>A7046</b>		Water chamber for humidifier, used with positive airway pressure device, replacement, each
<b>A7501</b>		Tracheostoma valve, including diaphragm, each
<b>A7502</b>		Replacement diaphragm/faceplate for tracheostoma valve, each
<b>A7503</b>		Filter holder or filter cap, reusable, for use in a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system, each
<b>A7505</b>		Housing, reusable without adhesive, for use in a heat and moisture exchange system and/or with a tracheostoma valve, eac
<b>A7506</b>		Adhesive disc for use in a heat and moisture exchange system and/or with tracheostoma valve, any type each
<b>A7507</b>		Filter holder and integrated filter without adhesive, for use in a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system, each
<b>A7508</b>		Housing and integrated adhesive, for use in a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system and/or with a tracheos
<b>A7509</b>		Filter holder and integrated filter housing, and adhesive, for use as a tracheostoma heat and moisture exchange system,
<b>A7520</b>		Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, non-cuffed, polyvinylchloride (PVC), silicone or equal, each
<b>A7521</b>		Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, cuffed, polyvinylchloride (PVC), silicone or equal, each
<b>A7522</b>		Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube, stainless steel or equal (sterilizable and reusable), each
<b>A7524</b>		Tracheostoma stent/stud/button, each
<b>A7525</b>		Tracheostomy mask, each
<b>A7526</b>		Tracheostomy tube collar/holder, each
<b>A7527</b>		Tracheostomy/laryngectomy tube plug/stop, each
<b>B4034</b>		Enteral feeding supply kit; syringe, per day

B4035		Enteral feeding supply kit; pump fed, per day
B4036		Enteral feeding supply kit; gravity fed, per day
B4081		Nasogastric tubing with stylet
B4082		Nasogastric tubing without stylet
B4087		Gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube, standard, any material, any type, each
B4088		Gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube, low-profile, any material, any type, each. (mic key tube/skin level only)
B4102		Enteral formula, for adults, used to replace fluids and electrolytes (e.g. clear liquids), 500 ml = 1 unit
B4103		Enteral formula, for pediatrics, used to replace fluids and electrolytes (e.g. clear liquids), 500 ml = 1 unit
B4150		Enteral formula, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and mine
B4152		Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, calorically dense (equal to or greater than 1.5 kcal/ml) with intact nutrients,
B4153		Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, hydrolyzed proteins (amino acids and peptide chain), includes fats, carbohydrat
B4154		Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs, excludes inherited disease of metabolism, includes
B4155		Enteral formula, nutritionally incomplete/modular nutrients, includes specific nutrients, carbohydrates (e.g. glucose po
B4157		Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes prote
B4158		Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, v
B4159		Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete soy based with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carboh
B4160		Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete calorically dense (equal to or greater than 0.7 kcal/ml) with in
B4161		Enteral formula, for pediatrics, hydrolyzed/amino acids and peptide chain proteins, includes fats, carbohydrates, vitam
B4162		Enteral formula, for pediatrics, special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, c
B9002		Enteral nutrition infusion pump
E0431		Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask,
E0433		Portable liquid oxygen system, liquid oxygen system, liquid oxygen containers. Regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask and tubig, with or without supply reservoir
E0434		Portable liquid oxygen system, rental; includes portable container, supply reservoir, humidifier, flowmeter, refill adap
E0435		Portable liquid oxygen system, purchase includes portable container
E0439	RR	Stationary liquid oxygen system, rental includes container and contents
E0441		Oxygen contents gaseous for use with owned gaseous stationary system
E0442		Oxygen contents, liquid (for use with owned liquid stationary systems or when both a stationary and portable liquid s
E0443		Portable oxygen contents, gaseous for use only with portable owned system
E0444		Portable oxygen contents liquid (for use only with portable liquid system)
E0465	RR	Home ventilator, any type used with invasive interface, (e.g. tracheostomy tube)
E0466	RR	Home ventilator, any type used with non-invasive interface, (e.g. mask, chest shell)
E0470	RR	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, without back up
E0471	RR	Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, with back up
E0472	RR	Respiratory assist device bilevel pressure capability with back up invasive
E0561		Humidifier, non-heated used with positive airway pressure device
E0562**	RR	Humidifier, heated used with positive airway pressure device
E0565**	RR	Compressor, air power source for equipment which is not self-containe

<b>E0601</b>	RR	Contiuous airway pressure (CPAP) device
<b>E0791</b>		Parenteral infusion pump, stationary, single or multi-channel
<b>E1353</b>		Regulator
<b>E1390</b>	RR	Oxygen concentrator, single delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the presc
<b>E1391</b>	RR	Oxygen concentrator,dual delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the presc
<b>E1392</b>	RR	Portable oxygen concentrator, rental
<b>K0455</b>	RR	Infusion pump used for uninterrupted parenteral administration of medication, (e.g., epoprostenol or treprostinil)</P
<b>K0601</b>		Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, silver oxide, 1.5 volt, each
<b>K0602</b>		Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, silver oxide, 3 volt, each
<b>K0603</b>		Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, alkaline, 1.5 volt, each
<b>K0604</b>		Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, lithium, 3.6 volt, each
<b>K0605</b>		Replacement battery for external infusion pump owned by patient, lithium, 4.5 volt, each
<b>*Prior Authorization waiver for 1 mask during the Emergency Period</b>		
<b>** Prior Authorization waiver for the first 3 months only</b>		