

EXTERNAL INFUSION PUMP

Prior authorization required.

CMN Required (SFN 780)

Coverage allowed if all criteria are met:

- Administration of any drug that is medically necessary, reasonable and prescribed by a physician; such as:
 - Deferoxamine for iron overload
 - Chemotherapy for the treatment of primary hepatocellular or colorectal cancer
 - Morphine when used for the treatment of intractable pain
 - Continuous subcutaneous insulin for the treatment of insulin dependent type I diabetes or gestational diabetes: See *External Insulin Infusion Pump Policy* below
 - Parental administration of the drug in the home is reasonable and necessary,
 - An infusion pump is necessary to safely administer the drug,
 - Systemic toxicity or adverse effects of the drug is unavoidable without infusing it at a strictly controlled rate.
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- An IV pole (E0776) is covered only when a stationary infusion pump (E0791) is ordered.
 - Supplies for the maintenance of a parenteral drug infusion catheter (A4221) are allowed at one per week.
 - Supplies used with an external infusion pump (A4222, K0552) are covered. Not more than one cassette or bag or prepared syringe per dose of each drug.
 - Drugs and related supplies/equipment billed by a supplier who does not meet the above stated criteria will be denied as not medically necessary.
 - If there is a change in the drug being administered, a prior authorization and a revised CMN must be submitted for review.
 - Backup pumps will be denied as not medically necessary.
 - If a patient begins an infusion for one drug and subsequently the drug is changed or another drug is added, a revised CMN must be submitted for use of the pump with the new or additional drug.
 - Disposable drug delivery systems are non-covered devices because they do not meet the definition of durable medical equipment. No exceptions.
 - A4221: Includes dressings for catheter site, flush solutions, cannulas, needles, dressings and infusion supplies. Allowed one unit per week.
 - A4222: Includes the cassette or bag, diluting solutions, tubing, port cap changes, compounding charges, and preparation charges. Allowed one cassette or bag for each dose of drug administered.
 - A4230 and A4231 are not valid for claim submission because they are included in code A4221.