

October 1, 2008 DME Repair Update

The following streamlined processes, fee and coding changes for billing for repairs to Durable Medical Equipment are effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008:

1. For replacement parts that have a specific HCPCS code:

- (a) Report the replacement part code, and
- (b) Report #E1340 for labor component.

2. For replacement parts to base equipment with a specific HCPCS code:

- (a) Report the base equipment code with the -RP modifier (e.g., wheelchair base code with -RP, hospital bed code with -RP), for the replacement part(s) and
- (b) Report #E1340 for the labor component.

Note: Replacement part charges less than 10% of purchase price listed in the fee schedule reported with -RP do not require prior approval. If no price is listed, or if replacement part charges are greater than 10% of purchase price, submit for prior approval.

3. For miscellaneous DME with no specific or base code to report:

- (a) Report the appropriate miscellaneous code, E1399 or K0108 or A9900 with the -RP modifier for the replacement part(s), and
- (b) Report #E1340 for labor component.

4. A9900 miscellaneous DME supply, accessory, and/ or service component of another HCPCS code will now require prior approval and will be priced manually.

5. The fee for #E1340 Repair or non-routine service for durable medical equipment requiring the skill of a technician, labor component, per 15 minutes (more than 2 hours requires prior approval) is **\$18.00**.

6. Code #A9901 DME delivery, setup and/or service component of another HCPCS code is discontinued. Payment for pick-up and delivery of DME for repair is included in the payment for replacement equipment and parts.

- Repairs (labor, replacement equipment and parts) covered under the manufacturer's warranty are not to be billed to Medicaid.
- When labor is performed by a manufacturer, Medicaid pays the Medicaid provider the line item labor cost on the manufacturer's invoice and the applicable Medicaid fee for the parts. If labor and parts charges are not separately itemized on the manufacturer invoice as required by 18NYCRR505.5, the DME provider will be paid the invoice cost of parts and labor.
- The monthly rental or ongoing rate payment includes all necessary equipment, delivery, maintenance and repair costs, parts, supplies and services for equipment set-up, maintenance and replacement of worn essential accessories or parts.

Questions? Call the Division of Provider Relations and Utilization Management at 1-800-342-3005, option 1.

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