

The Affordable Care Act: Coverage for Breast Pumps and Lactation Services

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law in 2010. ACA requires most insurance plans to cover breast-feeding support and breast pumps. Every plan is different so it is important that you contact your provider before your baby is born to understand your coverage. You will want the name and phone number of the Durable Medical Equipment company that has a contract with your insurance plan. Many plans allow you to order your pump prior to delivery. It is your responsibility to arrange for your personal use breast pump.

Call your insurance company and ask the following questions:

1. Does my policy provide coverage for a double-electric breast pump? YES NO

2. **If YES:**

Is prior-authorization from my insurance company needed? YES NO

3. **Can I obtain the authorization myself?** YES NO

If YES, obtain authorization # from insurer: _____

***Ask to have a copy of the authorization letter emailed/sent to you for your records.**

4. **What type of breast pump is covered?**

Medical equipment has insurance codes. Use the code when asking.

A. Retail Personal Pump (E0603): Most patients need this type of pump.

Brand(s) offered: _____

B. Rental of Hospital-grade Electric Pump (E0604): For use if problems are anticipated.

Brand(s) offered: _____

5. **Additional questions for your insurance company:**

- What if I choose a brand/type of breast pump other than what my insurance covers? Can I still submit my receipt for reimbursement? If yes, what amount (\$) will be reimbursed?
- Is there a dollar limit on the coverage for a breast pump? If so, how much?

6. **Which Durable Medical Equipment (DME) company participates with my insurance?**

What is their contact information?

Insurance companies usually require you to obtain your breast pump through a Durable Medical Equipment company (DME). Not all DME's carry breast pumps.

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

PHONE #: _____ FAX#: _____

Local DME's

Wellspan, Ephrata
GSH Home Med Care, Lebanon
Harrisburg Pharmacy, Harrisburg
See-Rite Pharmacy, Harrisburg
Good Day Pharmacy, Mechanicsburg
Young's Medical, Harrisburg

Phone

717-733-0405
717-272-2057
717-232-0400
717-236-9094
717-728-4200
844-993-3740

Statewide DME's

MedCare 800-503-5554
Sun Medical 800-714-7434
Edgepark Medical Supplies 888-394-5375
Baird 866-395-7028
Byram 877-773-1972
Yummy Mummy

<http://yummymummystore.com/insurance.html>

1. **Do you accept my insurance for breast pumps?**
2. **What type and brand of breast pumps do you carry?**
3. **Do you have an upgrade program?**
4. **What do I need to do to obtain a breast pump?**

Obtain a prescription for a breast pump from your OB provider (*birth - 6 months*) or your Primary Care Provider (*if baby is 6 months old or older*).

You or your doctor may have to fax or mail the prescription to the DME if your breast pump will be shipped directly to your home. Otherwise, present it when you pick up the breast pump.

It is highly advisable to make these arrangements yourself, before your baby's birth.

Questions to ask your insurance company if outpatient lactation consultant services are needed:

- Do I have coverage for lactation consultant services if I need help with breastfeeding after I am discharged from the hospital?
- Is there a limit to the number of lactation visits?
- Will I be required to pay a copay for a lactation consult? If so, how much is the copay?

Lactation Services

Please contact Lactation Services, at your specific birthing location, at the numbers listed below, if you have additional questions.

UPMC CARLISLE 717-960-3409	UPMC HANOVER 717-316-2262
UPMC PINNACLE <small>HARRISBURG</small> 717-782-5372	UPMC LITITZ 717-625-5337
UPMC MEMORIAL 717-849-5594	