



North Dakota Workforce  
Safety & Insurance

# Durable Medical Equipment Guide

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## **General Information**

Durable medical equipment (DME) including supplies, equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and braces, may be reimbursable if related to the work injury. Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) requires a prescription or order for DME by the treating provider.

- Reimbursement is per the [WSI Fee Schedule](#) and does not directly pay the injured employee.

## **Billing Information**

When submitting a bill for DME a provider must:

- Bill with the appropriate HCPC code
- Bill each charge separately and not bundle the charges
- Submit a description for miscellaneous DME code, if appropriately billing the miscellaneous code

The use of a miscellaneous code is appropriate as indicated below:

- If no specific listed code is available for equipment that is new or unique
- If equipment is customized or substantially modified to meet the specific needs of the injured employee
- For labor charges related to the service(s)

## **Prior Authorization**

WSI reviews prior authorization requests for DME only on accepted claims. To verify the status of a claim, visit the website [Claim LookUp](#), located on the website under Quick Links.

All DME over \$500 requires prior authorization. DME Listed on pages 2-3 of this guide are additional DME items requiring prior authorization even though they may be under the \$ 500 threshold.

## **Rental Equipment**

All DME rental items extending beyond 60 days require prior authorization. Total rental payments for DME covered by WSI **may not exceed** the purchase price.

## **Submitting a Prior Authorization Request for DME**

- Review this guide to determine if prior authorization is required
- Call WSI claims adjuster at 701-328-3800 or 800-777-5033

## **Submitting a Prior Authorization for Electro Medical Device**

- Complete the [Electro Medical Device Certification Request \(M5\) form](#)
- Fax M5 form and prescription or order to 701-328-3820 or 888-786-8695

## Durable Medical Equipment - Prior Authorization Required

The following is a list of DME **requiring** prior authorization including:  
rental items, purchased items, or items priced under \$500.

Durable Medical Equipment	Notes
<b>Adult Undergarments</b>	
<b>Ambulatory Aids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roller aid &amp; non-motorized scooters</li> <li>• Walkers</li> <li>• Wheelchairs &amp; wheelchair accessories</li> </ul>	WSI requires prior authorization for the purchase of one of these DME items. If renting, authorization is only required if the rental timeframe extends beyond 60 days
<b>Catheters</b>	If approved for the life of a claim, authorization is not required for each month's supply
<b>Continuous Passive Motion Device (CPM)</b>	Not covered for shoulder or uncomplicated total knee surgeries
<b>CPAP Unit</b>	
<b>Electro Medical Device</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combination unit (All-Stim)</li> <li>• Neuromuscular stimulator</li> <li>• TENS unit</li> </ul>	Complete <a href="#">M5 form</a> Units must be supplied by CPR Medical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neurotech KneeHab unit</li> </ul>	Complete <a href="#">M5 form</a>
<b>External Bone Growth Stimulator</b>	Complete <a href="#">UR-C form</a>
<b>Eyewear</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frames</li> <li>• Lenses/contact lenses</li> <li>• Anti-reflective coating</li> <li>• Polarization</li> <li>• Progressive lenses</li> <li>• Scratch resistant or tinting coating</li> </ul>	Providers must request any add-ons along with the request for the eyewear
<b>Hearing Aids</b>	
<b>Home Traction Unit (Cervical or Lumbar)</b>	Injured employee must have had recent physical therapy
<b>Nebulizer</b>	If approved for the life of a claim, authorization is not required for each month's supply
<b>Orthopedic Footwear</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoes/boots</li> <li>• Miscellaneous customized shoe additions</li> </ul>	Require order from treating provider Authorization must be approved prior to dispensing Authorization required for footwear; orthotic shoes; or orthotics (customized or molded)
<b>Orthotics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inserts (customized or molded)</li> </ul>	Off the shelf* inserts fitted to the IW foot are not considered customized or molded and do not require prior authorization
<b>Paraffin Bath Unit</b>	
<b>Prosthetics</b>	
<b>Wound VAC Unit</b>	Approval for rental of the unit only

**Prior Authorization Not Required - Unless over \$500**

The following are items WSI will cover if related to the work injury; however, this is not an all-inclusive list.

Cam Boot	Physioball
Cane/crutches	Postural restoration 4-6in ball (PRI ball)
Cervical collar	Prosthetic sleeves
Cervical pillow	Rib belt
Compression garments/TED hose	Shower bench/Chair
Darco Shoe	Splint/brace
Hand gripper	Toilet riser/Commode
Knee sleeves	Taping supplies
Lumbar/SI belt	Theraband
Miracle Ball	Theracane
Occipivot	Theraputty
Off-the-shelf shoe inserts/wedges	Yoga Blocks
Over-the-door pulley system (post-shoulder surgery)	

**Packaged Services – Not separately reimbursed**

Intermittent compression socks (post-surgical)	Surgical trays
Pneumatic compression devices	

**Durable Medical Equipment – Non-covered**

Compression devices for intermittent compression with various wraps for arms or legs e.g . VascuTherm or any hot or cold compression device (purchase or rental)	Hot or cold packs
Continuous-flow cryotherapy unit e.g Game-ready unit or any water/ice circulation unit	H-Wave electrical stimulation units
Electric heating pad	Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization Tools
Home gym exercise equipment e.g. weights, weight machine ; exercise ball	Wave Accelerated Recovery Performance (ARP) e.g. patented Bio-Electric Waveform Therapy
	Yoga Mats