

**CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND COMMISSION**  
**POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> June 10, 2020
<b>AUTHORITY:</b> N.J.A.C. 10:155-1.14(a)(10) and (11)

**I. POLICY STATEMENT:**

NJAC 10:155-1.14(a)(10) and (11) states that the State Office of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund may consider incurred expenses for disposable medical supplies and durable medical equipment (DME) when assessing eligibility for reimbursement from the Fund:

10. Disposable medical supplies (physician-authorized over-the-counter and prescribed supplies);

11. Durable medical equipment (for example, physician-authorized ventilators, prostheses);

To guide the State Office of the Fund in reviewing and making recommendations to the CICRF Commission on DME and medical supplies, the Commission establishes the following policy:

- a. For inclusion as an eligible medical expense in an application to the Fund, durable medical equipment must meet all of the following criteria:
- i. It is primarily and customarily prescribed to serve a medical purpose and is medically necessary for the child applicant;
  - ii. It is generally not useful to someone who is not sick, injured, or disabled; and
  - iii. It is capable of withstanding repeated use (durable) and is nonexpendable.

Examples of durable medical equipment include hospital beds, oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, walkers, suction equipment, and the like.

- b. Items designed primarily to improve accessibility which are permanently installed or that would require significant effort to relocate (e.g., elevators and stair lifts) are considered home modifications (see NJAC 10:155-1.14(12)).
- c. Disposable medical supplies are item(s) which are:
- i. Consumable, expendable, disposable or non-durable;

- ii. Prescribed by a practitioner; and
  - iii. Medically necessary for use by the applicant child during the period covered by the application.
- d. Diapers and other supplies related to toileting (including wipes, disposable changing pads, etc.) may be eligible as medical supplies if the applicant child has a documented medical condition that requires such items after the child's third birthday.

II. PROCEDURE:

- a. The eligibility analyst will review original itemized invoices/receipts for all durable medical equipment and disposable medical supplies.
- b. Receipts must coincide with prescriptions or other documentation from health care providers.
- c. Analysts will appropriately categorize expenses as "Durable Medical Equipment" or "Disposable Medical Supplies" in CRM or other application tracking systems.

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