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DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME) PROGRAM

Applies to: MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Fee-For-Service DME Providers

Effective date: September 1, 2023

- RENTAL AND PURCHASE CHANGE FOR HCPCS CODES:
 - E0163 (COMMUNE CHAIR, MOBILE OR STATIONARY, WITH FIXED ARMS)
 - E0165 (COMMUNE CHAIR WITH DETACHABLE ARMS)
 - E0168 (COMMUNE CHAIR, EXTRA WIDE AND/OR HEAVY DUTY, STATIONARY OR MOBILE, W/ OR W/O ARMS, ANY TYPE)
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Effective September 1, 2023, MHD will only approve commodes as purchase items (modifier NU). On and after September 1, 2023, MHD will not accept new rental precertifications for commodes. For rental (modifier RR) precertifications received through August 31, 2023 and approved by MHD, DME providers should continue to submit claims for payment with the RR modifier until all units have been billed.

HCPCS CODE	MODIFIER	PRICE	ALLOWED MAXIMUM QUANTITY
E0163	RR	\$0.00	0
E0163	NU	\$90.00	1
E0165	RR	\$0.00	0
E0165	NU	\$136.00	1
E0168	RR	\$0.00	0
E0168	NU	\$150.92	1

APPLICABILITY

The information in this bulletin applies to the MO HealthNet (MHD) fee-for-service program and may apply to the MHD managed care program, as well. MHD's fee-for-service policies set the basic coverage policies for benefits and limitations in the managed care program. The managed care health plans have additional flexibilities in operating their respective programs such as determining which services require prior authorization, and details required for claims submission. Certain services, such as pharmacy, are "carved out" of managed care and will be paid through the fee-for-service program. To ensure your understanding of this bulletin's applicability to each managed care health plan, please contact your health plan directly, or contact MHD.MCCommunications@dss.mo.gov.

Provider Bulletins are available on the [MO HealthNet Division \(MHD\) website](#). Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletins page.

Providers and other interested parties are urged to [subscribe](#) to the electronic **MO HealthNet News** mailing list to receive automatic notifications of [provider bulletins](#), [provider hot tips](#), provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via email.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping their MO HealthNet card, calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and choosing Option One or using the Participant Eligibility option in [eMOMED](#). Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan.

[MHD Education and Training](#) offers schedules for interactive web based trainings for providers and general and program specific educational resources.

Provider Communications
573-751-2896