

## Tracheotomy Supplies

**The following documentation is required to be in clinic visit/therapy notes from the treating provider within 12 months of the prescription for consideration of payment.**

Documentation from the medical record should indicate the diagnosis responsible for the needed supplies.

Supplies for care of a tracheostomy site are covered for a patient following an open surgical tracheostomy which has been open or is expected to remain open for at least three months.

Closed system catheters and Tracheal suction catheters are only covered for beneficiaries with a tracheostomy as described below:

- **Tracheal suction catheters** are reasonable and necessary only when all of the following are met:
  - The beneficiary has a tracheostomy described by the listed diagnosis codes
  - The beneficiary requires the use of a covered respiratory suction pump (E0600) as described above, for tracheostomy suctioning.
- **Closed system catheters** are reasonable and necessary only when all of the following are met:
  - The beneficiary has a tracheostomy described by the listed diagnosis codes
  - The beneficiary requires the use of a covered respiratory suction pump for tracheostomy suctioning
  - The beneficiary requires the use of a covered ventilator

The explanation for use of a greater quantity of supplies than the amounts listed must be clearly documented in the patient's medical record. If adequate documentation is not provided when requested, the excess quantities will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

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