

## Ostomy 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.

1. Ostomy supplies are covered for use on patients with a surgically created opening (stoma) to divert urine or fecal contents outside the body.
2. Ostomy supplies are appropriately used for colostomies (K94.00; K94.10; K94.03; K94.3; Z93.3; Z43.3), ileostomies (Z93.2; Z43.2) or urinary ostomies (Z93.6; Z43.6).

Use for other conditions will be denied as non-covered.

3. The quantity of ostomy supplies needed by a beneficiary is determined primarily by the type of ostomy, its location, its construction and the condition of the skin surface surrounding the stoma.
4. There will be variation according to individual beneficiary need and their needs may vary over time.

## **Continued use/medical need**

- Ongoing ostomy supplies require documentation in the beneficiary's medical record to support that the item continues to be used by the beneficiary and remains reasonable and necessary.
- Information used to justify continued medical need must be timely for the date of service.
- Timely, documentation is defined as a record in the preceding 12 months unless otherwise specified in the policy.

Any of the following may serve as documentation justifying continued medical need:

1. A recent order by the treating physician for refills
2. A recent change in prescription
3. Timely documentation in the beneficiary's medical record showing usage of the item

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