

Ostomy Supplies

DOCUMENTATION IN MEDICAL RECORDS REQUIRED BY CMS

Documentation Requirements	Key Items to Address
Duration of patient's condition	Why does the patient require the item?
Clinical course	Do the physical examination findings support the need for the item?
Prognosis	Signs and symptoms that indicate the need for the item
Nature and extent of functional limitations	Diagnoses that are responsible for these signs and symptoms
Other therapeutic interventions and results	Other diagnoses that may relate to the need for the item

HCPCs code(s) affected include the following:

A4331, A4357, A4361 - A4364, A4367 - A4369, A4371 - A4373, A4375 - A4385, A4387 - A4399, A4402, A4404 - A4435, A4450, A4452, A4455 - A4456, A5051 - A5057, A5061 - A5063, A5071 - A5073, A5081 - A5083, A5093, A5102, A5120 - A5122, A5126, A5131, A6216

Medical records should contain:

Documentation supports the beneficiary has a surgically created opening (stoma) to divert urine or fecal contents outside the body and includes:

- Type of Ostomy
- Location
- Construction
- Condition of the skin surface surrounding the stoma

Quantities above the Normal Monthly Allowances

- Medical records contain adequate, clear documentation that corroborates the medical necessity of the amount ordered and billed
- Limited to a one-month supply for a beneficiary in a nursing facility
- Limited to a three-month supply for a beneficiary at home

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^{*}For some items to be covered by Medicare, a written order prior to delivery (WOPD) is required.