



Clover Health Durable Medical Equipment Charges in a SNF Reimbursement Policy

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Disclaimer:

Clover Health applies The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) criteria and guidelines, National Coverage Determinations (NCD), Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), Clover Policies, and MCG for determining medical necessity. Clover Policies are intended to provide a standard guideline but are not used to preempt providers' judgment in rendering services. Providers are expected to provide care based on best practices and use their medical judgment for appropriate care.

Description:

This policy describes how payment is made for durable medical equipment (DME), Parental and Enteral Nutrition (PEN) Items and Services when supplied in a skilled nursing facility (SNF).

Definitions:

- **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**
 - DME includes medical devices and supplies that can be used again and again
- **Parental and Enteral Nutrition (PEN)**
 - Enteral nutrition is administered through a feeding tube placed into the stomach or intestines. Parenteral nutrition is administered through a traditional intravenous (IV) line or via a central IV surgically placed during an outpatient procedure
- **SNF Consolidated Billing**
 - The consolidated billing requirement confers on the SNF the billing responsibility for the entire package of care that residents receive during a covered Part A SNF stay and



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Policy:

When a claim is billed for DME or PEN items or services while the member is admitted to a SNF, the DME claim will be denied as those items are included in the SNF facility payment. Any DME or oxygen furnished to inpatients in a covered Part A stay is included in the SNF PPS rate.

Clover does allow for some exceptions that are beyond the scope of the SNF Part A benefit and are excluded from payment under Part A SNF PPS. Therefore Clover would allow certain specific DME items and services to be separately reimbursable from the SNF claim. Those procedure codes representing these excepted services for services billed for DME are updated by CMS as frequently as quarterly on the CMS Web site at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/SNFConsolidatedBilling/>

References

[SNF Consolidated Billing](#)

[Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 6 - SNF Inpatient Part A Billing and SNF Consolidated Billing](#)