

2014 BWC Policy Alert

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Clarification # 02-2014-01: Preauthorization of durable medical equipment Clarification as to the monetary requirements for durable medical equipment (DME) requiring the provider to obtain prior authorization from the managed care organization (MCO)

Purpose

This BWC Policy Alert clarifies the preauthorization monetary requirements for DME.

Issue

On July 16, 2013, BWC published the *Durable Medical Equipment* policy. Some MCOs interpret section H. 2. of the policy to mean a provider does not have to submit a request for prior authorization unless the DME is \$750 or greater.

Conclusion

The revision to the July 16, 2013, DME policy is directed to the MCO and not to the provider. The policy **DOES NOT** modify the prior authorization requirements for providers. A provider must still obtain prior authorization from the MCO for any DME purchase costing more than \$250, as directed by the standardized prior authorization table published in the *Provider Billing and Reimbursement Manual*.

Reference Policy

DME

Location

[https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/basics/PolicyLibrary/FileShell.aspx?file=%2fPolicyLibraryContent%2fMedical+Policy%2fDurable+Medical+Equipment+\(DME\).htm](https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/basics/PolicyLibrary/FileShell.aspx?file=%2fPolicyLibraryContent%2fMedical+Policy%2fDurable+Medical+Equipment+(DME).htm)