



SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

Medicaid Hospice Policy Manual

Title: Hospice Policy 708
Section: HOSPICE SERVICE COORDINATION
Subject: Medical Supplies
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MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Medical appliances, durable medical equipment and supplies including drugs and biologicals, and other self-help and personal comfort items related to palliation or management of the member's terminal illness are included in the hospice payment. The hospice must provide these supplies for use in the member's home while he or she is receiving hospice care.

The Department has adopted and incorporated by reference, 42 CFR 418.106. Please refer to the federal register for details on the management, disbursement and storage of drugs and biologicals, as well as maintenance of equipment and supplies.

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The hospice must ensure that the member, where appropriate, as well as the family and/or other caregiver(s), receive instruction in the safe use of durable medical equipment and supplies. The hospice may use persons under contract to ensure member and family instruction. The member, family, and/or caregiver must be able to demonstrate the appropriate use of durable medical equipment to the satisfaction of the hospice staff.

Hospices may only contract for durable medical equipment services with a durable medical equipment supplier that has been approved by the State of Montana as a Medicaid Provider. A list of approved providers may be found at <http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov>, Provider Locator.